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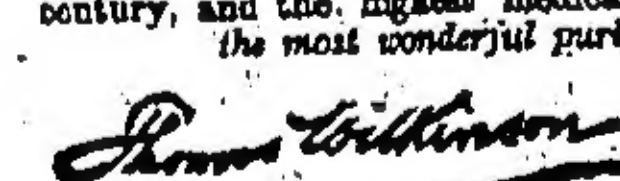
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CONSERVATIVE SETBACK

EARL DERBY NEXT PREMIER

JUBILATION AMONGST LABOURITES

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

LONDON, December 7.

At 6.30 p.m. the state of parties was:—

Conservative	256
Liberal	142
Labour	183
Independents	78

The situation is unprecedented in political history. The three parties are alike powerless to govern and their acute differences may make a pact impossible. The only solution possible is a temporary working arrangement. Political circles are very excited. They assume Mr. Baldwin will resign and that the King will ask Earl Derby, as representing the strongest party to form a Government. The Labourites are very pleased and the Liberals somewhat chagrined, their losses to Labour making them still the smallest party.

Mr. Baldwin and Sir Alfred Mond arrived at Paddington, almost simultaneously from their constituencies. The premier, who was grave and uncommunicative, curtly remarked that he had nothing to say in regard to the situation. Sir Alfred Mond, on the other hand, was more forthcoming. He said that Mr. Baldwin would have to resign and that Earl Derby, being more or less a free-trader might form a Government to carry on a policy of tranquillity temporarily.

LABOUR JUBILANT

Labour headquarters in the morning were jubilant. The result of the elections hitherto emphasised the disappearance of the Government majority and the fact that Labour could still claim to be the official opposition. Labour successes are attributed to the intensive work of the labour party during the last two years and their also consistent and determined attitude in regard to unemployment. It is pointed out as very significant that the Conservatives have so far gained no seats from Labour. The defeat of Mr. Arthur Henderson is much regretted by Labourites. It is pointed out that the Liberals and Conservatives combined against him, the Conservative candidate having withdrawn.

CONSERVATIVES NON-COMMITTAL

Conservative headquarters are unwilling to make a statement in regard to the election before the returns are complete. Their defeats are attributed entirely to the "dear food" cry which the circumstances of a hurried election gave no time effectively to counteract.

Mr. Churchill, who arrived in London at noon appeared to be in high spirits. He declined to discuss the situation and said he had not heard the rumour that he would be invited to contest West Derby.

"ISN'T IT WONDERFUL!"

The Asquiths and Lady Bonham Carter, leaving Glasgow for London to-day, expressed their delight at the results Mrs. Asquith exclaiming, "Isn't it wonderful!"

STOCK EXCHANGE UNSETTLED

The Stock Exchange is unsettled by the election results. Dealers generally have lowered prices as a precautionary measure in case of uncertainties in the future, and prompt realisations. Actually little selling occurred and the market closed with a depressed feeling.

DEFEATED MINISTERS

LONDON, December 8.

The six ministers defeated include the Lord Advocate (the Rt. Hon. W. Watson) who did not hold his seat in the last Parliament and was beaten by the Labourite Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Boyd Carpenter, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, Mr. P. Ford, Junior and Whip, Major Tryon, Minister of Pensions, who was beaten by a Liberal, Mr. Walter Runciman at Brighton.

THE BAROMETER

PARTIES' UPS AND DOWNS

LONDON, December 7.

The state of parties at various intervals throughout the day was as follows:—

2 p.m.—	
Conservatives	185
Liberals	86
Labour	118
Independents	8

The gains were Conservatives 3, Liberals 43, Labourites 46 and the losses—Conservatives 66, Liberals 18, Labourites 17, Independents 1.

3.30 p.m.—	
Conservative	204
Liberals	102
Labour	138
Independent	8

The gains were—

Conservatives	19
Liberals	16
Labour	20
Independent	0

The losses were—

Conservatives	66
Liberals	18
Labour	17
Independent	1

The guins were:—

Conservatives	7
Liberals	52
Labourites	48
and the losses—	
Conservatives	77
Liberals	18
Labourites	11
and Independents	1

3 p.m.—

Conservative	213
Liberals	116
Labour	145
Independents	8

The gains were—

Conservatives	10
Liberals	57
and Labourites	
and the losses—	
Conservatives	83
Liberals	23
Labourites	11
and Independents	1

3.30 p.m.

Conservatives	222
Liberals	128
Labour	158
Independents	8

Gains:—Conservatives, 11; Liberals, 60; Labourites 51. Losses:—Conservatives 86; Liberals, 23; Labourites, 12; Independent, 1.

4 a.m.

Conservatives	235
Liberals	136
Labour	167
Independents	8

Gains:—Conservatives, 13; Liberals, 68; Labourites, 53. Losses:—Conservatives, 93; Liberals, 24; Labourites, 13; Independents, 1. Thus the Liberals and Labourites have a clear majority over the Conservatives.

4.30 p.m.—

Conservatives	243
Liberals	138
Labour	174
Independents	8

Gains:—Conservatives, 8; Liberals, 72; Labourites, 56. Losses:—Conservatives, 101; Liberals, 25; Labourites, 13; Independents, 1.

5 p.m.

Conservatives	249
Liberals	139
Labour	176
Independents	8

Gains:—Conservatives, 18; Liberals, 79; Labour, 59. Losses:—Conservatives, 108; Liberals, 33; Labour, 14; Independents, 1.

5.30 p.m.—

Conservatives	252
Liberals	142
Labour	182
Independents	8

Gains:—Conservatives, 18; Liberals, 79; Labour, 61. Losses:—Conservatives, 109; Liberals, 33; Labour, 15; Independents, 1.

6 p.m.

Conservatives	253
Liberals	140
Labour	183
Independents	8

Gains and losses unchanged.

The state of parties at the conclusion of the second day's results was:—

Conservatives	259
Liberals	148
Labour	187
Independents	8

AGRICULTURAL SURPRISES

The defeat of the Minister for Agriculture, Sir Robert Sanders, at Bridgewater by the Liberal, Mr. Morse, by a majority of 1,431 was the climax of a number of Government reverses in agricultural districts where Government hopes were very strong in consequence of the agricultural subsidy. The most notable were the Liberal gains at Sudbury, Frome and Salisbury.

Victors and Vanquished

LIBERAL LEADER OUSTED

Sir Ronald MacNeill was re-elected and Sir John Simon elected. Liberal Labour gains, notably in the counties, continue. They include the Labourite Clime ousting the Liberal leader Sir Ronald MacNeill in a triangular contest at Kilmarnock and the Liberal Mr. Robinson, gaining Chelmsford from an ex-Conservative, Mr. Pretymar. Two Liberals gained Gateshead and Eland from Labourites and on the contrary Labourites gained Mile End and Rotherham from Conservatives. The majority at Rotherham was 2,448. Labourites elected include Messrs. Maxton, Noel Buxton, Benspore, Patrick Smillie, Jack Jones and Will Thorne.

EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW

Edinburgh will be represented by one Conservative, three Liberals and one Labourite, compared with two Conservatives, two Liberals and one Labourite formerly and Glasgow by five Conservatives no Liberals and 10 Labourites, compared with four Conservatives, one Liberal and 10 Labourites formerly.

Mrs. Phillips was re-elected and the Labourite Tom Kennedy gained Kirkcaldy from a Liberal. The Labourites Messrs. Philip Snowden, Sidney Webb, W. Adamson, Shinwell and Lansbury were re-elected. The Liberal Mr. Comyns Carr gained East Islington in a triangular contest, the Labourite woman doctor Ethel Benthall being at the bottom of the poll. The Independent Conservative Mr. Ferguson gained Motherwell in a triangular contest, defeating the Communist Mr. Newbold and the Liberal Mr. Maxwell.

LADY CANDIDATES SUCCEEDED

The Duchess of Atholl gained Kinross, defeating the Liberal Molteno by a majority of 650, and the Liberal Lady Terrington by majority of 1,682. In a triangular contest at Wycombe, the Countess of Warwick was defeated and Mrs. Whittingham re-elected. Sir L. Worthington, Evans and Sir J. Norton Griffiths were re-elected by reduced majorities.


The Ministers, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman and Earl Winterston were re-elected. Mr. Lloyd George's majority was 5,125. Mr. Frank Hodges gained Lichfield, defeating two Liberals and the Labourite Colonel Beauchamp. Williams gained Kennington and the Labourite Mr. Williams gained Kennington.

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MARIQUETTES.

THE THEATRE OF THE LITTLE PEOPLE.
WHAT IT IS.

(Specially Contributed.)

[Readers of the China Mail may remember that some time ago we referred to the vogue in Italy of The Teatro dei Piccoli (The Theatre of the Little People) and how it had been greeted on its visit to London with remarkable enthusiasm, pointing to a probable revolution in the art of the Theatre with which we are more or less familiar. The China Mail is glad to be able to give the first of two articles on the Theatre of the Little People written by Dr. Vittorio Podrecca, Artistic Director and Co-partner of the Teatro dei Piccoli, and Secretary of the Royal Musical Academy S. Cecilia di Roma, thanks to the kindness of the Acting Consul for Italy in Hongkong, Signor G. Biondelli. The first article is "What is the Teatro dei Piccoli?" The second, which will appear in a future issue of the China Mail, is entitled "With the Marionettes Behind the Scenes."]

Before one has known it, it is a puzzle which it seems difficult to unravel, but after you have once seen it, it becomes a craze and soon turns into a microbe, and when you have it you can get rid of it no more. (If all microbes were as wholesome as the Teatro dei Piccoli the world would be a better place to live in.) Yet after a time you realize that you have fallen victim to an illusion, the most beautiful illusion of human life which makes you think and feel and acknowledge that there is something beyond and above the comprehension of the human mind.

There you are—you, a full-grown human being—with all your divine gifts of knowledge and understanding, watching... what? listening... to what?... what? No, don't tell me that you are looking at mere wooden dolls; think that you are listening to voices that come from unseen human beings; don't say that this is a cleverly arranged mechanical show—let your higher judgment guide you by acknowledging that you are witnessing what your wildest imagination could scarcely hope for: a dream come true. The dream of your childish fancy, the dream of eternal youth.

For what are we when we are sitting in front of the diminutive stage of the Teatro dei Piccoli? nothing but children, the delight of children, the imaginative mind of children. If it were not so we would not come a second time to it, for we would be able only of ridiculing the illusion. And where would be the wisdom of scornful illusion if through its medium we can acknowledge our power of being foolish and wise at the same time? Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis foolish to be wise.

Happily for us, however, the Teatro dei Piccoli is a very real illusion which is not whisked away as dreams are, but has solidly taken root in Rome (Italy) where it was founded in 1914 and has in the course of nearly ten years acquired a world-renowned fame. After a very successful season in London it is now ready to go to the United States, where, no doubt, it will be received with that comprehension and that sympathy which it has found so far everywhere.

The Story.
The story of why and how the Teatro dei Piccoli was started is indeed very interesting. Its founder, Dr. Podrecca, a journalist and a musical and art critic, having for many years been deeply interested in the study of the theatre and its evolution, thought that he would like to identify himself with the artistic movement representing the vanguard of decorative music and theatrical art. Without money for venturing on an enterprise on a large scale, and realising moreover that money alone would not do away with old fetters and ingrained prejudices against certain necessary reforms, he hit upon the idea of taking out of oblivion and bringing back into the limelight of art the long-forgotten marionette, adding new splendour to its very ancient tradition and to its fading glory.

The history of the puppet show loses itself in the dim past. Its origin is almost unknown: in the time of the Romans they were already familiar, nor were they unknown to the Egyptians, during the Middle Ages—when they were still preserving their sacred character—they arose to high honour, being the first form of

theatrical entertainment of many chiefs-d'oeuvre, among which the most important has been FAUST. In Italy it became a most popular form of entertainment: at one time it served to familiarise the people with stories of the Bible and the Saints, while at another it formed the counterpart of another institution known all over the world, the Italian Comedy. In 1913 Dr. Podrecca began materialising his idea by gathering together artists and painters and by "discovering" marionette operators. He also went out of his way to find in dust-ridden attics or in musty smelling curiosity shops veteran puppets of all kinds and periods. At times some of these wire-dolls were so ancient that they almost came to pieces in his hands, while it often happened that in searching through boxes full of rubbish he would come across some artistic head. Thus after a year of undaunted efforts and of hard work in order to harmonize the various elements, composing it in February 1914, the TEATRO DEI PICCOLI gave its first performance. Quite New. It took Rome by storm because it really was what it claimed to be: the theatre of the little players. Here people were asked to witness something quite new, something unexpected: not mere wooden dolls pulled by wires and pouring forth doubtful antics of a somewhat vulgar character, but real miniature actors who were moving, singing, dancing, carousing in the most perfect way, aided and abetted by real operas and fairy tales full of good wholesome humour. That is why, although from its nature and its tradition it has a great attraction for children, yet the genuinely artistic appeal of its entertainment has rendered it even more stimulating to the adult than to the child. To realize how true this is one need only have witnessed a first performance in Rome. A first night at the Teatro dei Piccoli had become quite a social event, and some of these performances have become quite memorable. Grown ups and children have united, though probably guided by different motives—in their unanimous enthusiasm, just as diplomats, politicians and the aristocracy of name, have not disdained to join in the same applause with the aristocracy of art and journalism. More than once it has happened that nearly the whole Gabbini has flocked there for an hour's relaxation. While Mr. Fidra and Dr. Podrecca are the guiding spirits of the enterprise, yet the technical interpreters are the marionette operators—there are about a dozen of them and they belong to a school who jealously preserve the tradition of marionette operators; a profession the secret of which is handed down from father to son (Gorno-Dell'Acqua-Cord-Prappi). They have at their disposal about a hundred scenarios and over 500 puppets. They tend them like children with loving care. Marionettes may be of wood, but they have moods and fancies like real people, and they do not like their clothes to be dowdy, or their hair not properly curled, and it would be a calamity indeed if the prima donna's hair was not put on properly in front of a mirror or if her lace handkerchief was missing, nor could Signor Bruschi do without his lorgnon. And there is moreover a hospital for little marionettes who, having become too lively have disturbed their usual equanimity.

To complete the picture of the invisible world that grows round the invisible puppets, we must mention the orchestra, the singers, the actors, directly connected with the performance, while no less important are the painters, the sculptors, electric operators, etc., who are responsible for all the finishing touches necessary to the perfection of the entertainment. For this little theatre has really reached a very high degree of technical perfection, and is for ever aiming higher and higher.

For it is indeed true that, whether we see them performing one of Rossini's operas full of old-world charm, or merely a number of their charivaria, art is always their keynote, and the predominant note of this show lies in that each character which the marionettes represent has its own peculiar setting and its own individual pathos. They do not aim at ridiculing mankind or at caricaturing its foibles, but with delicate finesse they make us laugh and weep at what seems an elusive reality. For on which stage can you see mingling together with perfect ease and unconcern kings and peasants, fairies and humanised animals?

Mussolini.
The Prime Minister of Italy, Signor Mussolini, has greatly interested himself in this educational institution and has presented the Teatro dei Piccoli with his portrait accompanied by the following letter: "I most heartily commend that most excellent institution, the Teatro dei Piccoli which has attracted such universal admiration, not only among the children, but also among so many notabilities in the artistic world. The highly educative mission of the theatre has been completely realized in the delightful Hall of the Palazzo Odescalchi, which is one of the most attractive and genuine manifestations of art to-day. It delights me to know that such characteristics of a national artistic expression are justly appreciated abroad, where, no doubt, the Teatro dei Piccoli will uphold the splendid traditions of Italian art. With these thoughts and sentiments, I have great pleasure in presenting my photograph to the wizards of all those most beautiful illusions which have won the unanimous applause of that most exacting and fastidious spectator: the Critic. Also the Royal Family of Italy has always displayed a keen interest in these performances, and many a time has the Queen requested a performance in order to give a treat to the Royal children, and Signor Podrecca-Fidra are very proud of the autographed photograph of little Princess Maria, the youngest of the King's children. Prince Humbert too, has signified his appreciation by sending his photograph with a dedication. In fact so great has been the appreciation shown by everyone in general in Italy and abroad that Signor Podrecca is the proud possessor of a large album of autographed photographs. But to Signor Podrecca-Fidra the most gratifying appreciation has come from the educational bodies of the country who have recognized in the Teatro dei Piccoli a very high moral value. The Royal House has offered several silver medals for original works to its specially written for the marionettes, the Under-Secretariat for Fine Arts has given a special diploma; the Ministry of Education deems it a work of national importance, and so do all the Educational Bodies of Italy. Throughout the 10 years of its existence special performances have been given for schools and Prof. Montessori, who has a great hospital for backward children, has found the musical performances of the T.D.P. a great help towards the psychotherapeutic cure for his little patients."

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The Prime Minister of Italy, Signor Mussolini, has greatly interested himself in this educational institution and has presented the Teatro dei Piccoli with his portrait accompanied by the following letter: "I most heartily commend that most excellent institution, the Teatro dei Piccoli which has attracted such universal admiration, not only among the children, but also among so many notabilities in the artistic world. The highly educative mission of the theatre has been completely realized in the delightful Hall of the Palazzo Odescalchi, which is one of the most attractive and genuine manifestations of art to-day. It delights me to know that such characteristics of a national artistic expression are justly appreciated abroad, where, no doubt, the Teatro dei Piccoli will uphold the splendid traditions of Italian art. With these thoughts and sentiments, I have great pleasure in presenting my photograph to the wizards of all those most beautiful illusions which have won the unanimous applause of that most exacting and fastidious spectator: the Critic. Also the Royal Family of Italy has always displayed a keen interest in these performances, and many a time has the Queen requested a performance in order to give a treat to the Royal children, and Signor Podrecca-Fidra are very proud of the autographed photograph of little Princess Maria, the youngest of the King's children. Prince Humbert too, has signified his appreciation by sending his photograph with a dedication. In fact so great has been the appreciation shown by everyone in general in Italy and abroad that Signor Podrecca is the proud possessor of a large album of autographed photographs. But to Signor Podrecca-Fidra the most gratifying appreciation has come from the educational bodies of the country who have recognized in the Teatro dei Piccoli a very high moral value. The Royal House has offered several silver medals for original works to its specially written for the marionettes, the Under-Secretariat for Fine Arts has given a special diploma; the Ministry of Education deems it a work of national importance, and so do all the Educational Bodies of Italy. Throughout the 10 years of its existence special performances have been given for schools and Prof. Montessori, who has a great hospital for backward children, has found the musical performances of the T.D.P. a great help towards the psychotherapeutic cure for his little patients."

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IN BRIEF

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CABLES.

The Stock Exchange is unsettled by election results.

A Reuters message from London, dated to-day states that the Shell Transport Co. has declared a dividend of two shillings free of income tax.

Latest election results will be found in this issue of the China Mail. Mr. Baldwin's appearance is described as "grave." Sir Alfred Mond thinks he will have to resign.

LABOUR TROUBLE.

NEW TERRITORY FACTORY.

Work is suspended, at the Chinese towel factory near Sheung Shui as the workmen have gone on strike for better pay. They are alleged to have smashed the rice-boiling pan which has caused the owners to apply to the police for protection.

MISS E. MOORE'S "LIFE."

MR. CHURCHILL AS A NAUGHTY DANCING PUPIL.

The story of two lives very successful on the stage and very happy "off" is told charmingly by Miss Eva Moore in "Exits and Entrances"—those of herself and her late husband, H. V. Esmond, the actor and playwright (Chapman and Hall, 15s.).

Before she got a start on the stage from Toole—"It a week and find your own dresses"—Miss Moore, in her early teens, taught dancing at Brighton.

I taught a small, red-headed boy. He was the naughtiest boy in the class; I used to think sometimes he must be the naughtiest small boy in the world. His name was Winston Churchill.

She and Mr. Esmond got married on a loan of £50 and the proceeds of a racing tip which came off at 40 to 1.

When Bernard Shaw and Granville Barker went into management at the Court Theatre, Harry and I met Shaw one day, and Harry asked how the season "had gone." "Well," said Bernard Shaw, "I've lost £7,000 and Barker's lost his other shirt."

To Miss Moore Mrs. Kendal said reflectively: "Think of all the things we have missed, people like you and me, through leading—er—shall we say 'well-conducted lives'! And make no mistake, we have missed them!"

George Edwards was once interviewing a candidate for the chorus at the Gaiety; he asked her, "Do you run straight?" "Yes," Mr. Edwards, was the reply, "but not very far, or very fast."

Mr. Esmond was very young when he started out from the bosom of a family which had no knowledge of the stage. His mother, hearing that he had joined a company of touring actors, asked, in all seriousness, "What time is the caravan calling for you, my dear?"

"JAZZ" A DISEASE.

CONDUCTOR AND TRIVIAL MUSIC.

Resigning his conductorship of the Harrogate Municipal Orchestra, Mr. Howard Carr has given as one of his reasons his objection to playing "trivial" music.

He told a reporter that he considered light operatic music such as is found in certain musical comedies too trivial to be presented by a musician of his knowledge and experience. He declared also that "jazz" is a disease—a form of neurasthenia.

"I could not ask my orchestra, which is so strong and one of the best in the north of England, to play what, in my view, is not good music," he said. "Music that is played in restaurants and cinemas is not fit for the concert-hall."

"I am a composer of light operatic music; and I was quite willing to—and I did—play good light music, but I would not play rubbish. The primary purpose of music is to uplift people mentally, morally, and spiritually—not to assist their digestion."

Sir Dan Godfrey, conductor of the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra, said: "Jazz" is often worth playing. People would have what they wanted in music. Only about 10 per cent. of the public always wanted the best music."

The comment of the Royal Hall Committee of Harrogate Corporation on the position taken up by Mr. Carr is that the majority of patrons have not been too enthusiastic over the programmes, mainly classical, and that the hall had been half empty on ordinary nights, whereas on popular nights the house had been full.

SURPRISE ELECTION.

(Continued from Page 1.)

ELECTION MISCELLANEA.

Lanarkshire is represented by 6 Labourites and one Conservative compared with 1 Labourite, one Communist and one Conservative formerly. A Labourite gained Lanark at the expense of the popular Conservative Minister, Captain Elliot. The London boroughs of Lewisham, Paddington and Wandsworth are solidly Conservative. Poplar is solidly Labour. St. Pancras now has two Labourites and one Conservative and Southwark two Labourites and one Liberal. Stepney is solidly Labour.

London is represented by 30 Conservatives, 11 Liberals and 21 Labourites. Fifeshire is unchanged. Sir Hamar Greenwood was defeated at Sunderland which is unchanged. Sir Robert Horne was elected in a triangular contest at Hillhead. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's majority at Aberystwyth was 3,512.

Lord Apsley (Conservative) was returned at the head of the poll at Southampton with Colonel Perkins (Conservative). There were six candidates.

Cumberland and Derbyshire are unchanged, except that one seat in each was gained by a Conservative from a Liberal. Devonshire Conservatives but the Tiverton result has not hitherto been declared. In Essex there are 4 Conservatives, 2 Liberals and 2 Labour, compared with 6 Conservatives and 2 Liberals. Hampshire is unchanged, with the exception of a Liberal gain from a Conservative. Kent, formerly solidly Conservative, now has 8 Conservatives, 2 Labourites and one Liberal. Lancashire has 8 Conservatives, 8 Liberals and 4 Labourites, compared with 11 Conservatives, 3 Liberals and 4 Labourites before.

In Hertfordshire, the Liberals gained one seat from the Conservatives. Captain Philipson, husband of Mrs. Philipson was defeated at Wansbeck by a Labourite. The Conservative Major Edmondson was elected at Banbury, defeating the Liberal Mr. C. B. Fry and the Labourite Captain Bennett.

Wiltshire is represented by four Liberals and one Conservative compared with three Conservatives and two Liberals formerly. In the North Riding of Yorkshire Liberals gained one seat. Suffolk and Lincolnshire are unchanged. In Norfolk the Conservatives lost a seat to the Liberals, who lost a seat to Labour. In Northumberland the Liberals gained a seat from the Conservatives. Surrey is solidly Conservative. In Warwickshire the Liberals gained a seat from the Conservatives. The Welsh counties are unchanged with the exception of one Liberal gain from Labour but one return is outstanding. The Scottish counties are incomplete. It is notable that so far there has been a Conservative gain at Roxburgh and Selkirk where the Earl of Dalkeith was returned in a triangular contest also at Moray and Nairn, while a Labourite gained a seat in Dumfriesshire. The Liberal Sir Charles Stanger gained Cleveland in a triangular contest.

The Scottish burghs are little changed. The East Riding of Yorkshire is solidly Conservative as the Liberals lost a seat. Cornwall is wholly Liberal. In Cheshire the Conservatives lost three seats to Liberals, otherwise it is unchanged. Dorsetshire, Glamorganshire and Carmarthenshire are unchanged. Belfast is unchanged. Gloucestershire is represented by one Conservative two Liberals and one Labourite compared with three Conservatives no Liberals and one Labourite formerly. The Liberal Mr. Costello gained a seat in Huntingdonshire.

The position in Oxfordshire and Worcestershire is unchanged. Salop, hitherto Conservative, now has two Conservatives, one Liberal and one Labourite.

Somersetshire has one Conservative, three Liberals and two Labourites, compared with five Conservatives and one Liberal formerly. In Staffordshire the position is unchanged, except that the Labourite Mr. Frank Hedges has replaced the National Liberal, Mr. Lichfield.

Commander Burney has been elected.

Notable gains are the two Labourites, including Miss Jewson, at Norwich, where Commr. Hilton Young and Mr. G. H. Roberts were among the four defeated. A Conservative gained Mitham from Labour, a Conservative won Haldenham from a Liberal and a Liberal won Brixton from a Conservative.

At 3.15 p.m. the position was:—
Liberal-Labour 287
Conservatives 210
A Minister, Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Newbold, the Communist were defeated.

DETAILED RESULTS.
MR. GERSHAM STEWART BEATEN.
Mr. Dodds (Liberal) 13,661

Gersham Stewart (Conservative)

11,701.

This was a Liberal gain.

WINDSON.

Somerville (Conservative) 13,646.

C. B. Crisp (Liberal) 9,023.

CHASTEN.

Sir Charles Cayzer (Conservative) 9,085.

Llewellyn (Liberal) 6,212.

Muff (Labour) 5,774.

UNITED STATES' FINANCE

REDUCTION OF NATIONAL DEBT.

WASHINGTON, December 8.

Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, in his annual report to Congress, announced the reduction of the Nation's debt by 614 million dollars in the past year through the exercise of the most rigid economy and the application of business principles to Government's finances. The report contains Mr. Mellon's letter to President Coolidge to the effect that the granting of a soldier's bonus would postpone tax reductions for many years.

Mr. Mellon makes the expected recommendation of a reduction of \$300,000,000 in taxes in the States by cutting the surtax on large incomes to a maximum of 25 per cent. Thereby there would actually be an increased amount on Government's receipts by 1920.

Mr. Mellon is of the opinion that the appropriation of \$23,000,000 for increasing the number of coastguard vessels might help to cut down to a minimum the operation of rum smugglers.

TRAFFIC IN DRUGS.

RECOMMENDATION BY SWITZERLAND.

BERNE, December 8.

In the National Council, replying to a Socialist interpellation, with regard to "the export under false declarations of great quantities of opium, cocaine and morphia especially from Basle," M. Motta, Foreign Minister, replied that indisputably the opium question had assumed such a character that it councils its duty from the viewpoint of international solidarity to get the 1912 Convention ratified as soon as possible. The measure for ratification will be submitted to parliament in Spring at the latest.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

MANCHESTER REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., write under date October 31: The cotton markets have again been strong and new high levels for the season have been reached, fully middling American at Liverpool being quoted 17.97 on the 26th.

Speculative buying has undoubtedly been largely responsible for the further rise and is apparently based on the firm belief of a decreased American crop indication when the special Bureau report of November 2 is issued. Heavy local trade buying has also again been a factor of importance.

Liverpool spot and futures sales have increased substantially and the outlook for Manchester trade continues more hopeful. The Bureau report that 6,400,000 bales were ginned up to the 17th instant was slightly disappointing and has assisted the advance. This compares with 3,978,000 a year ago and 5,497,000 in 1921. The extreme advance has not, however, been maintained.

There appears to be some weight of opinion which inclines to the view that a bullish crop report has been well discounted by present rates, but at the same time the possibility of 20 pence cotton is freely talked of. Probably the Bureau report on Friday next will clear the situation somewhat. Pending that a quieter tone seems to have set in. In the Manchester market there has been a considerably increased demand from almost all quarters and a good turnover has resulted. At the same time sales are not yet commensurate with enquiry for although offers continue to improve, the upward movement of prices here has again been quicker. The volume of business in negotiation is now very large and provided nothing happens to disturb confidence at least it looks as though a substantial amount of it will shortly be on the order books. Almost all classes of goods are included in the demand, but makers of low and medium printing cloths, and sized greys have done least.

The cheapest sellers are being rapidly filled up. Spinners have found little improvement in the export demand but local enquiry and sales are causing an improvement of the basis. Prices are about 1d. per lb. higher. India business has been of most importance, the enquiry being very substantial and covering dhotees, shirtings, light whites, prints and fancies. China also shows more inclination to operate and grey, whites, and fancies have been sold.

SON-IN-LAW SUED.

£150 DAMAGES FOR POSTCARD LIBEL.

An action to recover damages for an alleged libel was brought by Walter Oliver and his wife Henrietta, of Whaddon, near Royston, Hertfordshire, against their son-in-law, Thomas Smith, of East-street Buildings, Marylebone, an ex-policeman. The alleged libels were written on postcards sent to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver. One said:

I have been thinking of the family conduct of my marriage with your disgraceful daughter Evelyn... and the deliberate lies of herself, her mother, her sister, and aunt before marriage, when I asked them about her health. They all said she had never had an illness, knowing full well she had been under a doctor for six months with heart disease and that she had been at death's door two or three times with other complaints.

There is no doubt the wedding was planned between you all, for we had only been married five days when she told me she married for name only and not to live with me.

Mr. Oliver said since the action was brought he had had numerous postcards of the same kind. As many as four had come by one post.

Mr. Justice McCordie, containing these same charges against you?—Yes. In one of the postcards Smith said he was going to call a public meeting at Whaddon and that he had informed the police of his intentions.

Mr. Smith (to Mr. Oliver): You say you objected to the marriage?—I did.

Mr. Justice McCordie: Why did you object to this man?—I did not like the man. I thought he was not suitable for my daughter.

PETER.

Mr. Oliver said that when Smith wrote that his wife Evelyn thought more about her boy Peter than she did of him, he did not dream that his daughter Evelyn had this child Peter before her marriage. He thought Smith was referring to one of his own children by a former marriage.

Mrs. Evelyn Smith said she first met her husband in Kensington Museum Gardens, and the first day she went out with him she told about Peter, as she thought she would be open with him. He raised no objection. Their marriage was unhappy from the first week because he did not give her her place in the home, but gave it to his eldest daughter. About a month after the marriage he assaulted her and threatened her and her son Peter. She screamed, and he buried her with pillows. She left him because of his ill-treatment.

Mr. Smith denied the alleged assault upon his wife and her accusations of threats and ill-treatment. He admitted writing the postcards, but said they were true in substance and fact and were not written with malice. His object was to get an interview with a view to reconciliation with his wife.

VILLAGE GOSSIP.

Mr. Justice McCordie said it was curious if Mr. Smith's object really was to win back his wife's love that he should have written what he did on postcards to be sent to a little village where everyone was only too willing to listen to scandal and where every postcard that passed through the local post office seemed to become known to every one in the village.

The jury found a verdict for Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and awarded them £150 damages and granted an injunction restraining Mr. Smith from repeating the libels.

Mr. Justice McCordie, in entering judgment to that effect, said it was one of the most cowardly things he had ever known to send these defamatory and cruel libels to a father-in-law and a mother-in-law. "If I find that you are breaking that injunction in any way by repeating these cruel and defamatory statements," added his lordship, addressing Smith, "I shall send you to prison at once without hesitation and without regret."

TO-DAYS ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICIAL NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I, G. W. BARTON of Douglas, Lapraik and Co., General Managers, The Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that in consequence of Change of Ownership I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship "REPOSE" gross tonnage about 2300 tons, register tonnage about 1065, heretofore owned by U. S. Navy for the permission to change her name to "HAINING" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONGKONG as owned by The Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.

Any objections to the proposed Change of Name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this Advertisement.

G. W. BARTON.

Hongkong, December 8, 1923.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, December 11, 1923,

commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, (for account of the concerned)

10 Cass White Handkerchiefs.

Also

23,000 Harrison Knitting Needles

2 Cans Rubber Biskata Tyres

10 Cases, Naphthalene Balls

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1923.

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A Dainty Box of Chocolates Selected from our Choice Variety cannot fail to give you the Satisfaction that you are offering something that will please.

KOHLER'S CHOCOLATE'S from \$2.60 to 36.00
CADBURY'S " 2.50 to 80.00
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SONGS, GAMES, STORIES, ON RECORDS.
Quite an inexpensive little gift consisting of an attractively coloured album containing six selections on three 7-inch double-sided records.

EACH RECORD IS FURNISHED WITH TWO PICTURE CARDS. On one side there is a beautifully Coloured illustration of the subject. On the other side the words of the Song, Story, or Game are printed in Bold Type so that the kiddies

CAN ALL "JOIN IN THE CHORUS"

CALL AND HEAR THEM AT

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ICY-HOT BOTTLES

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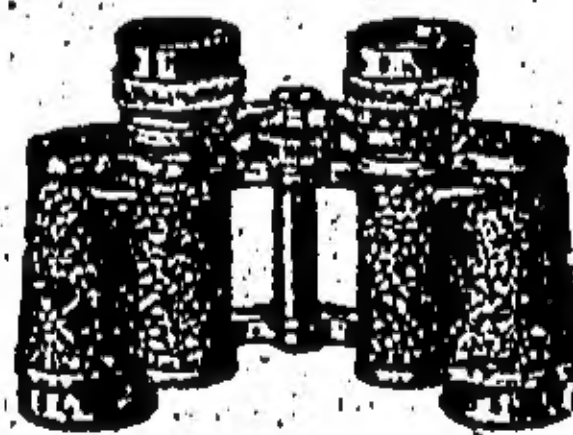
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Ideal Xmas Gift ZEISS BINOCULARS

EVERY VARIETY



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1924 issue

To avoid delay in publication, old and new firms are requested to send particulars at once for insertion in the 1924 issue of the Dollar Directory.

DOLLAR DIRECTORY CO.

TEL. C. 2277-7278.

WYNDHAM ST.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SUPPLEMENT.

HONGKONG HOTEL COY.

ROUND OF FESTIVITIES.

As usual, the Hongkong Hotel Coy., has arranged an attractive round of Xmas and New Year festivities for which the bookings have already been remarkably heavy. On Boxing night there is to be a grand carnival in the Hongkong Hotel grill rooms when fancy or evening dress will be optional. There is to be a grand New Year's Eve celebration at Repulse Bay and in between there will be tea dances and dinner dances. For Boxing night and New Year's Eve, the Hotel Company have arranged for a special Peak tram at 2.30 a.m. which seems to indicate that this year the revelry is likely to be greater and to last longer than ever.

In addition, the Hongkong Hotel's guests this Xmas will have the opportunity of testing the capabilities of M. Albert Laine, who has come out here to take charge of the Hotel's culinary department. M. Laine comes with a big reputation, having been for some time in the service of the Royal household, and it may be taken for granted that his efforts will not be spared in making the forthcoming festivities a bigger success than ever.

WM. POWELL LIMITED.

FOR YOUNG AND OLD.

As Christmas draws near, a tour round the shops is always a pleasure to both old and young.

At Messrs. William Powell Ltd., the little ones will be attracted by the very fine selection of toys on display in the window. These include a very fine assortment of soldiers and mechanical toys of all descriptions from trains to steamers. The selection of crackers this year is especially pleasing and should attract both old and young. Among gifts for ladies were noticed furs, gloves, umbrellas, handkerchiefs, fancy bags, scarves, silk hosiery and dressing gowns. For the home were displayed dainty cushions, down quilts and a fine display of electro-ware. As suggestions for men were shown dressing cases, suit cases, trunks, ties, sweaters and collar boxes to suit the purse of all. The little ones are catered for in wool jackets, hats and hoods in addition to dainty frocks and kilts. All the presents are most serviceable and should find a ready sale.

YEE SANG FAT COY.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SALE.

The Public will be interested to learn that this leading Dry Goods Store of the colony will hold the yearly Christmas Sale for two weeks from Monday the 10th inst., to Monday the 24th inst. This Store has been in existence for some thirty years and it goes without saying that it is a Store that always gives satisfaction. It gives excellent services and as for prices and quality of their merchandise, the customers have no cause to complain. In this Christmas Sale they are offering the public a wide range of new stock of the latest style at prices surprisingly favorable. It should be a Money saving and Time saving plan for customers to buy their Christmas gifts from this store. For those who do not quite know what to give to their friends, a visit to this Store will solve the problem. This Store provides anything and everything for all classes, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls. It is worth one's while to drop in to this store as you are sure to be tempted to purchase something.

WHITEAWAYS.

IDEAL GIFTS APLENTY.

Now that Christmas is fast drawing near, Messrs. Whiteaway Ltd. are fully prepared for an invasion by the army of parents and children, anxious to follow the time-old custom of celebrating the festival by the bestowal of gifts on each other.

Through the courtesy of Mr. O. A. Smith, the genial General Manager of "Whiteley's in the East," a *China Mail* representative was shown over the different departments this morning.

In the Gents' Department is to be found a fine display of cardigan jackets at \$19.50. Jaeger goods of all sorts, including some tempting waistcoats at \$15.50 and smart overcoats in grey at \$59.50. The latest style in Stetson hats can be obtained at prices ranging between \$19.50 and \$25.50, while a fine line of genuine English velvet Trilbys are obtainable at \$21.50. An exceptional choice selection of ties, scarves and socks are in evidence, while for the winter evening Jaeger dressing-gowns are priced at \$47.50. Walking sticks to suit all tastes are on sale, while a full line of Saxone boots and shoes, for which Messrs. Whiteaway Ltd. are the sole agents in Hongkong, can be obtained from \$19.50 up. A full line of Boys' suits and overcoats for winter wear are also on view.

FOR THE LADIES.

In the Ladies' Department are to be found woollen dress materials, serges, flannels, etc.; the latest Carnivals for the dressing table; Milanese silk underwear and gauntlet gloves from the leading makers; a special line of women's and children's knitted woollen garments; artificial flowers and feathers and a wide assortment of new felt and velvet hats.

FOR THE KIDDIES.

What strikes one most forcibly, however, is the tremendous scope for the would-be purchaser in the Toy Bazaar. Here are to be found: rocking horses, velocipedes, tricycles, scooters, boxes of soldiers, electric and clock-work trains complete with tunnels and signal stations, model motorcars, working cinemas, mechanical and musical toys, woolly animals galore including fighting cats with big bushy tails, a pack of the breed of the "Study Dog Bonzo," steam-boats, puzzles, crackers, Christmas tree decorations, tumblers that refuse to remain off their equilibrium, tea-sets, walking and talking dolls, miniature sets of furniture and dolls' houses, parlour games of all sorts (draughts, chess, dominoes and a roulette wheel in case for \$15.50), paint-boxes and books, the usual square games, a complete line of Annuals (such as Collins' Blackies, Girls' Own, Boys' Own, Chums, Chatterbox and Toodles), filled dressing, jewel, writing and manicure sets from \$22.50 to \$29.50 and a fine display of note-paper and cards.

On the top floor are stored artistic furnishings for curtains and casements, tablecloths and covers, cushions and cosies, carpets and linos. Crockery and hardware are well represented. There is a special line of cretonnes and the firm are specialists in the making of loose covers and in upholstering furniture. Trunks and cash-boxes and a full line of sporting requisites are there. Brass beds and bassinets, perambulators, bread-pans and ice-chests are included in the firm's extensive stock of hardware and crockery. Last, but not least, a well-stocked department of perfumes and toilet requisites from the leading manufacturers will appeal especially to the gentler sex.

LANE CRAWFORD'S.

SOMETHING FOR EVERY-ONE.

Hongkong youngsters will be missing rare treat if they do not this year insist upon being taken up to view the fairyland furnished by Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd.'s toy department on the first floor. Once arrived, the first centre of attraction will for them most certainly be the artistic representation of a little Swiss village, its lighted windows gleaming against a background of snow around which Santa Claus, on the pressing of a switch, makes a circuit in his sleigh. The genial Santa Claus, it is safe to say, will be required to undertake many such a journey before the Yuletide passes.

Amongst the wonderful array of toys one notes many favourites—dolls, tin soldiers, Noah's arks and so forth—but there are one or two new features which seem to indicate that the day of clockwork is passing and the nursery is entering upon an era of steam. For there are motor trucks and motor cars equipped with small boilers and fitted with a small spirit lamp underneath which is calculated to generate enough steam to keep the toy under power for about half an hour. Then there is a miniature radio set and, for the nautically minded, a selection of beautiful model yachts of all sizes each fitted with a deep keel and a compensating rudder which makes it possible to sail in any wind and in any weather. To the adult mind it was a place full of interest to the childish imagination it should prove a paradise.

Doubts as to what to buy for Xmas gifts may quite simply be solved by taking a "look-see" around the new Jewellery Department which, pending removal to the commodious premises in the Hongkong Hotel building, is situated on the same floor as the toys are to be found. There is here a glittering display of Jewellery, silverware and cut-glass of all descriptions. Dainty boudoir clocks, gold and platinum mesh bags, a huge array of gold and silver cigarette cases, diamond rings and diamond bracelets, vanity cases, photo-frames, toilet and manicure sets—the list is endless, or at any rate so it seemed with so superb a display.

A show case displaying an excellent assortment of fancy leather goods invites attention in the Men's Outfitter's Department. Pocket wallets, cigarette and cigar cases, jewel boxes, dressing cases, travelling requisites and the like here suggested themselves as suitable Yuletide gifts of menfolk, to say nothing of a wide choice of neckties, scarves, Jaeger "woolies" and what not.

One of the busiest sections of the store during the next few weeks is sure to be the provision department whose display of Xmas fare is calculated literally to make one's mouth water.

AT SINCERE'S.

GIFTS THAT WILL CHARM.

Though the Chinese themselves are not particularly interested in Christmas, any more than we are in some of their red-letter festivals, big stores like Sincere's who number many Europeans amongst their clientele do not let the Yuletide season slip by unnoticed. So it is that the Sincere Company's windows are beginning to take on a festive air which challenges comparison with their European rivals. In addition to toys and Xmas fare Sincere's have an unrivalled selection of suitable gifts in the shape of Ivoryware and Jewellery of all descriptions.

SUITABLE SUITINGS.

WHERE MESSRS. HAWTHORNE AND PEARSON EXCEL.

A new suit seems a good sort of Xmas gift to make to oneself and here, in order to obtain satisfaction, one need not go further, surely, than the commodious tailoring establishment of Messrs. Hawthorne and Pearson in Ice House Street, next door to the Café Wiseman. They offer a fine choice of winter suitings, both tweed and saxon, and of materials for overcoats and the indispensable sports coat they display a wide range.

One feature about the work turned out by the firm which should commend itself to the man who is particular about his clothes, is that it is all done by hand on the premises under the personal supervision of the proprietors and they are alone responsible for every bit of the cutting. Fashion plates are procured from Saville Row at regular intervals so that Messrs. Hawthorne and Pearson's customers may rely upon getting the latest styles. Speaking of styles, Mr. Hawthorne told a *China Mail* man who questioned him on the subject, that there had been no great changes in men's fashions lately. "All that has happened," he said, "is that the three-button style has dropped out in favour of the two-button style with a roll lapel. The vent in the back has quite disappeared."

PEARLS AND PARIS CREATIONS.

One imagines it would be a neat stroke of policy for wives to encourage their husbands to patronise the establishment of Messrs. Hawthorne and Pearson for is not the well-stocked *salon* of Madeleine Pearson housed in another premises? What more natural than that while hubby is selecting his new suit his better half should chance upon a gown which matches it so beautifully that under the circumstances no self-respecting husband could do other than make her a present of it then and there as a Yuletide gift.

The progress made by the *salon* Madeleine Pearson has, considering its short career, been nothing short of phenomenal. Two years ago it was begun in a small room hidden away on the first floor of Union Buildings. Even in that secluded spot it was eagerly sought out by a fast growing clientele and eventually a move had to be made to the premises in Ice House Street now occupied by Anderson's Music Store. Even that proved too small and this centre of fashion was finally transferred to its present spacious home where something like \$35,000 worth of hats and gowns are either on show or waiting to be displayed whenever there is room enough. That these alluring creations come direct from Paris bespeaks their style and quality; prices, one is assured, are fairly reasonable.

On view in the *salon* at present is a display of "Cintré" pearls made up into necklaces, brooches, ear drops and various other things. One can well credit the statement that only the most experienced experts can detect the difference between these and pearls costing perhaps 100 times as much or more.

WHAT TO DO WHEN IN THE DUMPS.

Put on your best suit—go for a brisk walk—take two or three Pinkettes when going to bed—you'll surely feel 10% brighter, cheerier and better in the morning. To dispel the causes of low spirits such as constipation, liver troubles, bilious attacks or sick headaches Pinkettes are perfection. Your chemist sells them, or post free 6 cents the vital from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60 Kiangsoo Road, Shanghai.

MUSIC AND MELODY.

FOR OLD AND YOUNG.

Most of us can recall what gramophones were like twenty years ago when, if one remembers rightly, they were called not gramophones but phonographs. You popped a sort of wax cylinder into the machine and, after a vigorous cranking up, sat back to wait for results. A pronounced whirring grew into a croaking noise like somebody with a very bad cough trying to clear his throat and finally a harsh voice announced what the record would be about. It was often quite necessary that the audience should get that information beforehand.

All that is changed now and how big have been the strides made in perfecting the phonographic art. A visit to the Anderson Music Co.'s establishment in Ice House Street, opposite the Café Wiseman, makes abundantly clear. Not only have they a very big selection of the new process "Columbia" records, which completely eliminate the irritating noise of the needle gliding over the record, but they are able to show you what is reckoned to be the last word in phonographs—the New Columbia model. Equipped with a motor which is in itself a marvel of mechanical perfection, the New Columbia is fitted with a new reproducer that is hailed as the crowning triumph of phonograph acoustics. These new developments make possible the reproduction of tone, pitch and voice with far greater fidelity—and all noticeably free from the blur of objectionable surface sounds. Amongst Messrs. Anderson's fine stock of "Columbia" records music lovers will find all the well-loved ballads, the famous arias, the lit and swing of dance music, songs of the violin and cello, the surging harmonies of great orchestras—all the music, in short, that they most delight in.

So much for the grown-up music lovers—Messrs. Anderson have something which will appeal to the youngsters as well. There are neat little miniature records which illustrate vocally the fairy tales and nursery rhymes held within the pages of beautifully got-up little picture books and there are also the dainty little Bubble Books "that sing." Each one has three miniature "Columbia" records, just like the ordinary ones, but smaller. They can, of course, be played on any phonograph.

Messrs. Anderson have a big selection of music and song albums of all descriptions and they also stock instrumental accessories.

FOR OVERSEAS FRIENDS.

ORIENTAL GOODS.

Oriental goods have a strong appeal at all times. When Christmas comes this appeal increases tenfold. Shoppers will therefore welcome the suggestions Messrs. Fook Weng & Co., Ltd., make in their advertisement in this issue. Situated in the Astor House Building, 13, Queen's Road Central, Messrs. Fook Weng & Co. have a wide range of tempting wares, including hand-made Swatow drawn threadwork and Canton embroideries, silk goods, laces and motifs Mandarin costumes, shawls, capes and scarves, cloisonne, ivory, pottery and porcelain ware, fancy goods, toys and curios.

Stops Croup.

It stops croup. That's why mothers keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the home. It contains no narcotics and is best for the children. For sale everywhere.

XMAS MUSIC.

MOUTRIE'S TASTEFUL DISPLAY.

"There should be music in every home on Christmas morn" is the motto and motto of Messrs. Moutrie and Co.'s extremely tasteful window display in Chater Road. A partly opened package disclosing a glimpse of a handsome "Victrola" suggests that there can only be one answer, an emphatic affirmative, to the question propounded by an adjoining showcard—"Will there be a Victrola in your home this Xmas?" In another window the names of a number of famous stars in the musical firmament—Caruso, Rachmaninoff, Elman, etc., all of whom are featured on "Victrola" records—are, by an ingenious electrical arrangement, illuminated in rotation. Messrs. Moutrie have a big selection of Xmas Music to choose from as well as all the latest dance records.

USEFUL GIFTS.

EVERYTHING ELECTRICAL.

"Everything Electrical!" This slogan makes it almost unnecessary to say anything about the splendid display in the Electrical Department of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. in Queen's Road Central. Here are useful and artistic gifts aplenty—gifts that will prove specially welcome in this cold weather. Toasters, waffle irons, radiators, hot plates, chafing dishes, torches, radio sets, tea pots, kettles, milk warmers, and desk lamps—these are but a few of the tempting wares displayed. "Everything electrical!" The slogan is enough; you must see for yourself.

SMOKES FOR GIFTS.

CHOICE CIGARETTES.

The British-American Tobacco Company (China) Limited, have an unusually choice selection of Wills' well-known brand of Three Castles cigarettes. The world-famed firm of W. D. & H. O. Wills, of Bristol and London, through their local office, can supply magnum and ordinary sizes in tins of 50 and the latter in 20's in packets. No sweeter tobacco comes from Virginia and no more ideal present could be round for the discriminating smoker than a case of these choice cigarettes.

FOR MOTORISTS.

SENSIBLE PRESENTS.

If your friend is a motorist—if you are a motorist yourself—you can make few better Christmas purchases than motor spirit. "Shell" is too famous to require praise at this stage. The exploits which it has helped to make possible belong to history—the flight across the Atlantic, the flight to Australia, and the flight across Africa; also the recent successes in the glider contest at Lympne.

Tickling Throat.

Did you ever have that nerve-racking experience caused by a bit of mucus or phlegm that stubbornly refuses to be dislodged, but tickles and tickles until it sometimes almost strangles? Just a few sips of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, swallowed very slowly and allowed to glide down the throat, will stop that tickle and at once give you immense relief. Try it, that way too for hoarseness, tracheitis and other coughs. For sale everywhere.

USEFUL GIFTS.

HARDWARE FOR HOME.

At the firm of E. Hing & Co., No. 25, Wing Wo Street, can be found a fine selection of hardware of all descriptions. To those about to found a home, a complete outfit can be purchased at this store and the young home-maker would be sure to appreciate such a gift for Christmas, whereby he can start the New Year with a thoroughly reliable set of household utensils for kitchen and pantry.

GOOD CHEER!

MANY CHOICE WINES.

What is Christmas without good cheer? The question requires no answer. Nor does the other query "What is good cheer without good wine?" As Messrs. Nam Hing Loong aptly put it in their advertisement in this issue, "say it with wine!" Messrs. Nam Hing Loong have a large stock of choice wines. Their address is 97-99, Queen's Road Central.

AN ARTISTIC SHOP.

MESSRS. SENNET FRERES' NEW PREMISES.

Hongkong has many beautiful shops but surely there are few nicer than that just opened by Messrs. Sennet Frères in the fine new building now gracing the Old Post Office site. This well-known firm of jewellers and diamond merchants long had their premises in Queen's Road where their familiar clock will now be sadly missed. When the expansion of the Hongkong Hotel Company made it necessary for Messrs. Sennet Frères to face a removal they secured premises in the new Pedder Street building. Their enterprise did not stop here, however, for they have made their new shop, as we have said above, one of the most elegant in the Colony. Even the casual passer-by can see this. The name boards, the well-known clock, and the tastefully arranged windows all delight the eye. Inside the appearance is even more pleasing. The fittings, artistically designed, are made from a dark wood that throws into shining relief the goods displayed. Moving into this fine new shop, Messrs. Sennet Frères have brought with them a notable stock of fine jewellery, cut glass, silver ware and kindred goods, and these offer a very wide range for the Christmas shopper. Although they are now established in their new premises, Messrs. Sennet Frères will still keep open their old shop in Queen's Road until the end of the month. Their sale there will still go on and here again the Christmas shopper will find a wide range for buying presents.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The S. F. s.s. "Titan" from Liverpool left Singapore on Dec. 2 for this port and is due here to-day.
The E. & A. s.s. "Anafra" left Manila for this port on Dec. 6 at daylight with the outwards Australian Mail, and is due here to-morrow.
The S. F. s.s. "Patroclus" from Liverpool left Singapore Dec. 7 for this port and is due here on Dec. 11.
The S. F. s.s. "Sarpodoc" for Manila, London and Rotterdam, left Shanghai on Dec. 8 for this port and is due here at daylight on Dec. 9. The vessel will be despatched at noon on Dec. 11.
The S. L. s.s. "Tanda" left Shanghai for this port on Dec. 6 and is due here on Dec. 11.
The O. F. s.s. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on Nov. 29 and is due here on Dec. 18.

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IT IS THE SERVICEABLE
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XMAS IS NEARER THAN PERHAPS YOU REALIZE, TO PUT OFF
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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.
CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS.
HONGKONG HOTEL.

BOXING NIGHT—Wednesday, December 26th

GRAND CARNIVAL

(DINNER DANCE)

IN

GRILL ROOMS

Fancy or Evening Dress Optional.

LATE CAR TO PEAK 12.45 A.M.

TEA DANCES:

MONDAY, Dec. 24th. THURSDAY, Dec. 27th. FRIDAY, Dec. 28th.

DINNER DANCE:

SATURDAY, December 29th.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL
GRAND NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION.

TEA DANCE.—Wednesday, 26th December.

DINNER DANCES.—Wednesday, 26th December.—Saturday, 29th December.

GRAND NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION.

Monday, 31st December.—DANCING 8 p.m.—Midnight.

LATE CAR TO PEAK 1 a.m.

SUNDAY, 30TH DECEMBER, COMBINED ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY FROM 4.30 TO 6.30 P.M.

XMAS GIFTS

Vibrators.

Violet Ray.

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Percolators.

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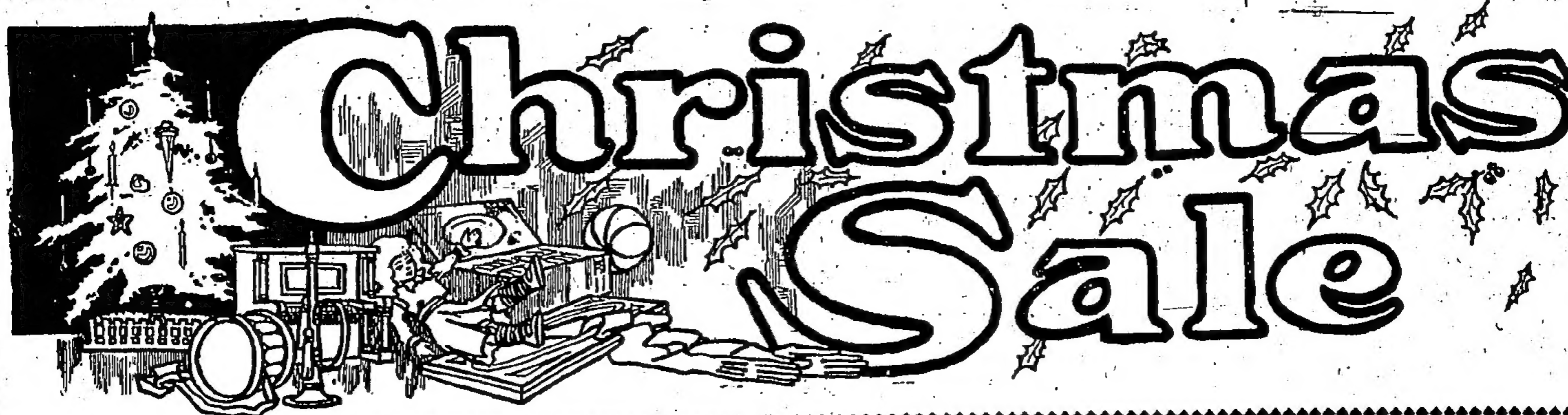
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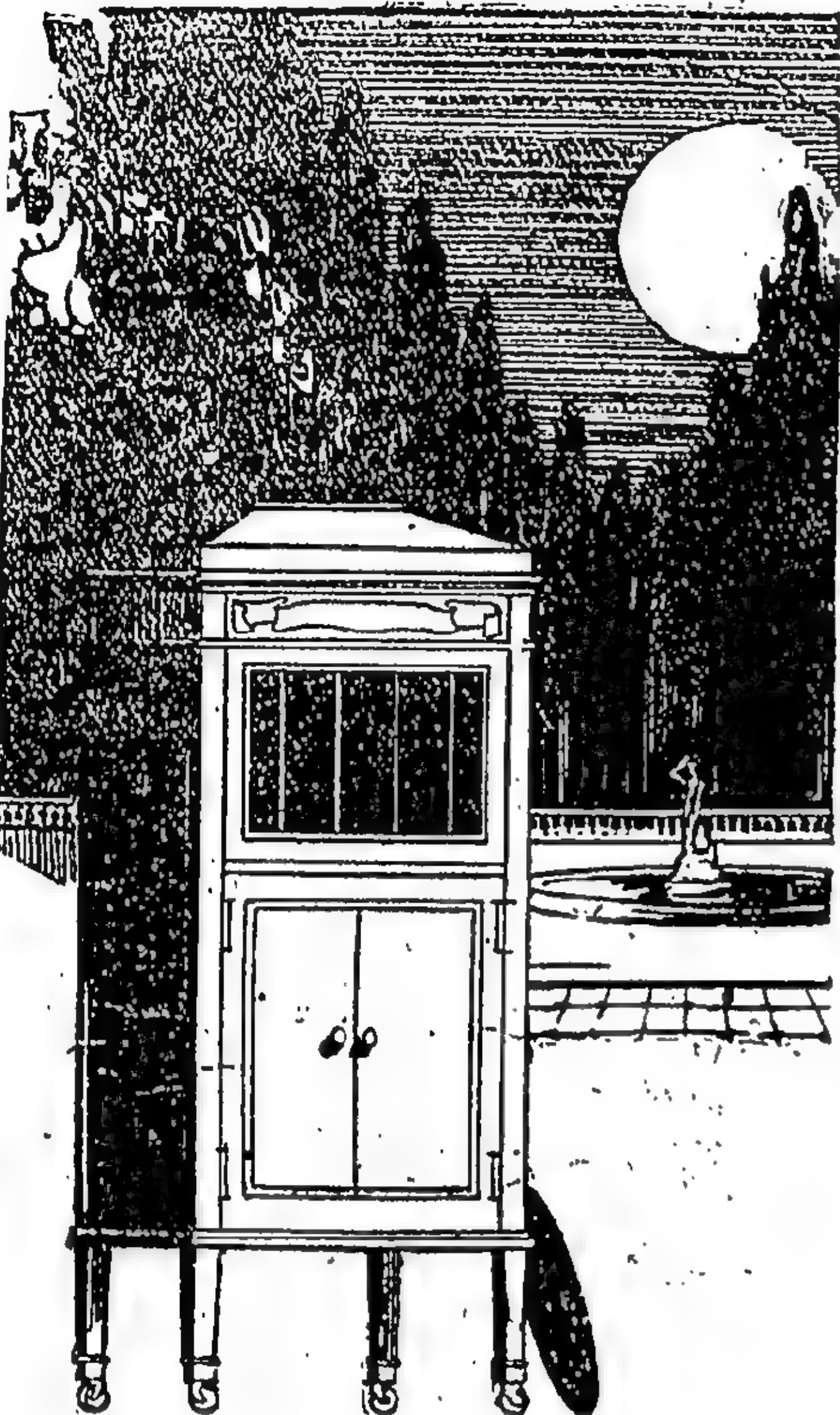
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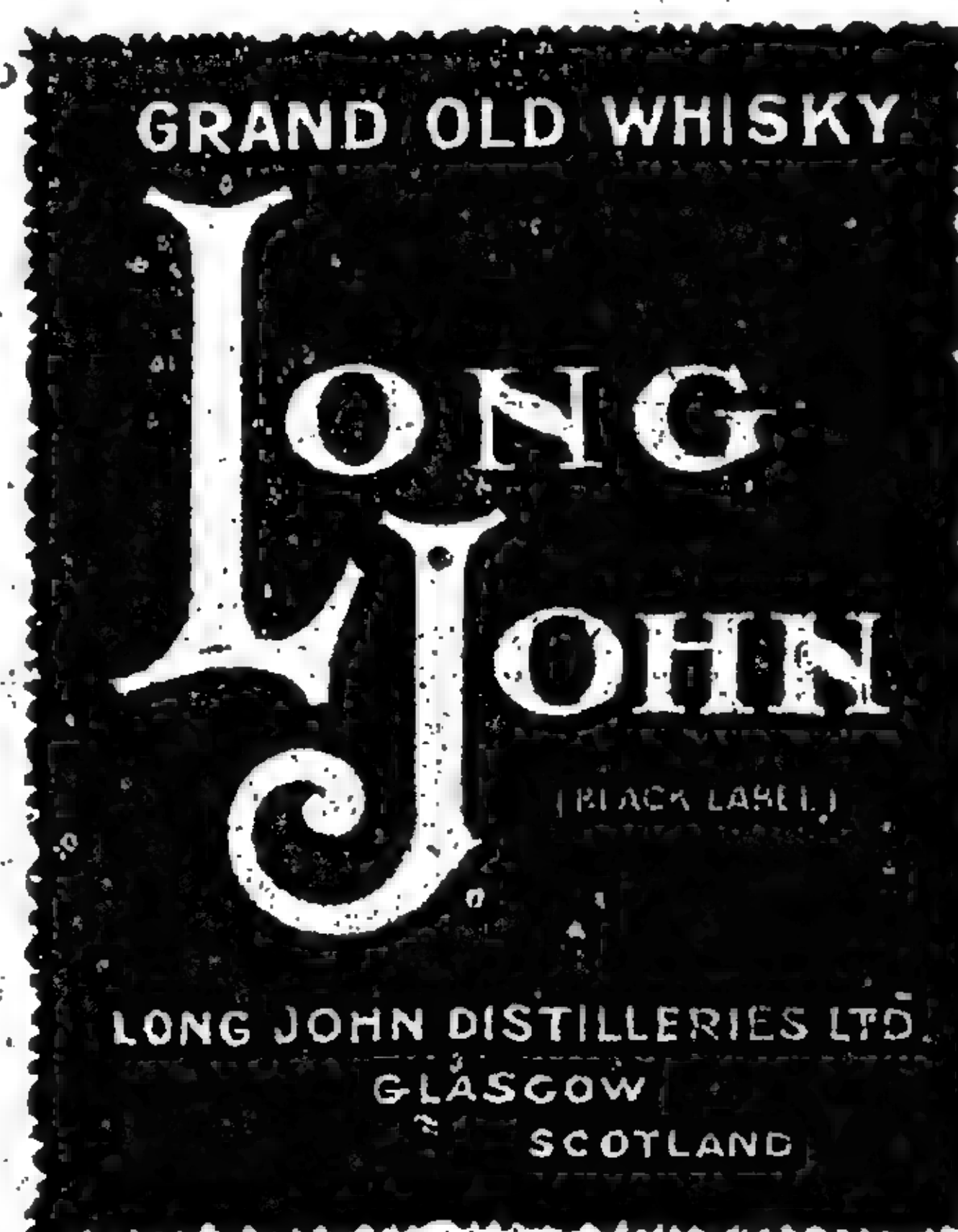
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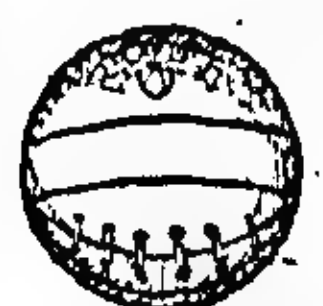
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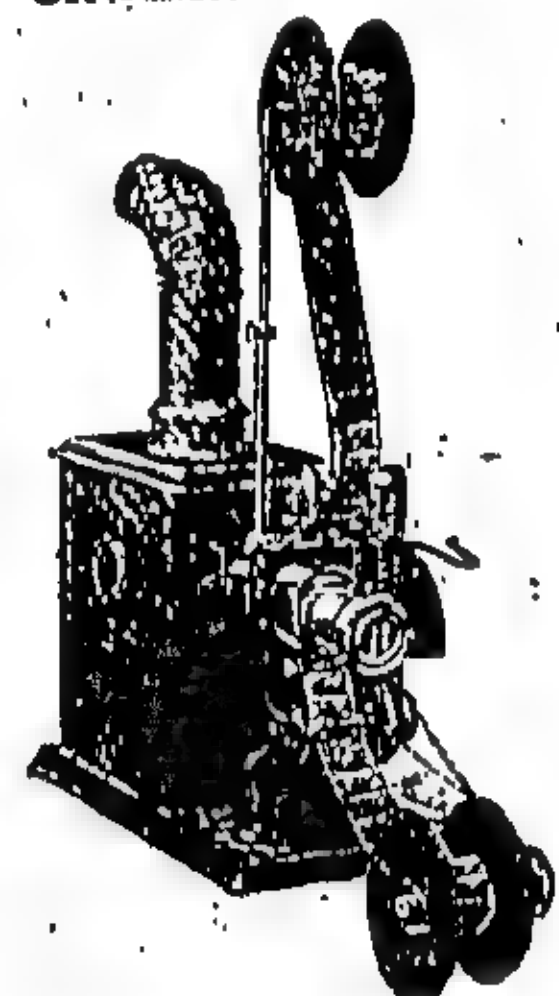
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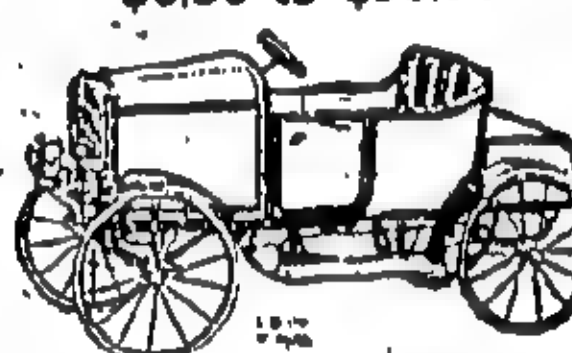
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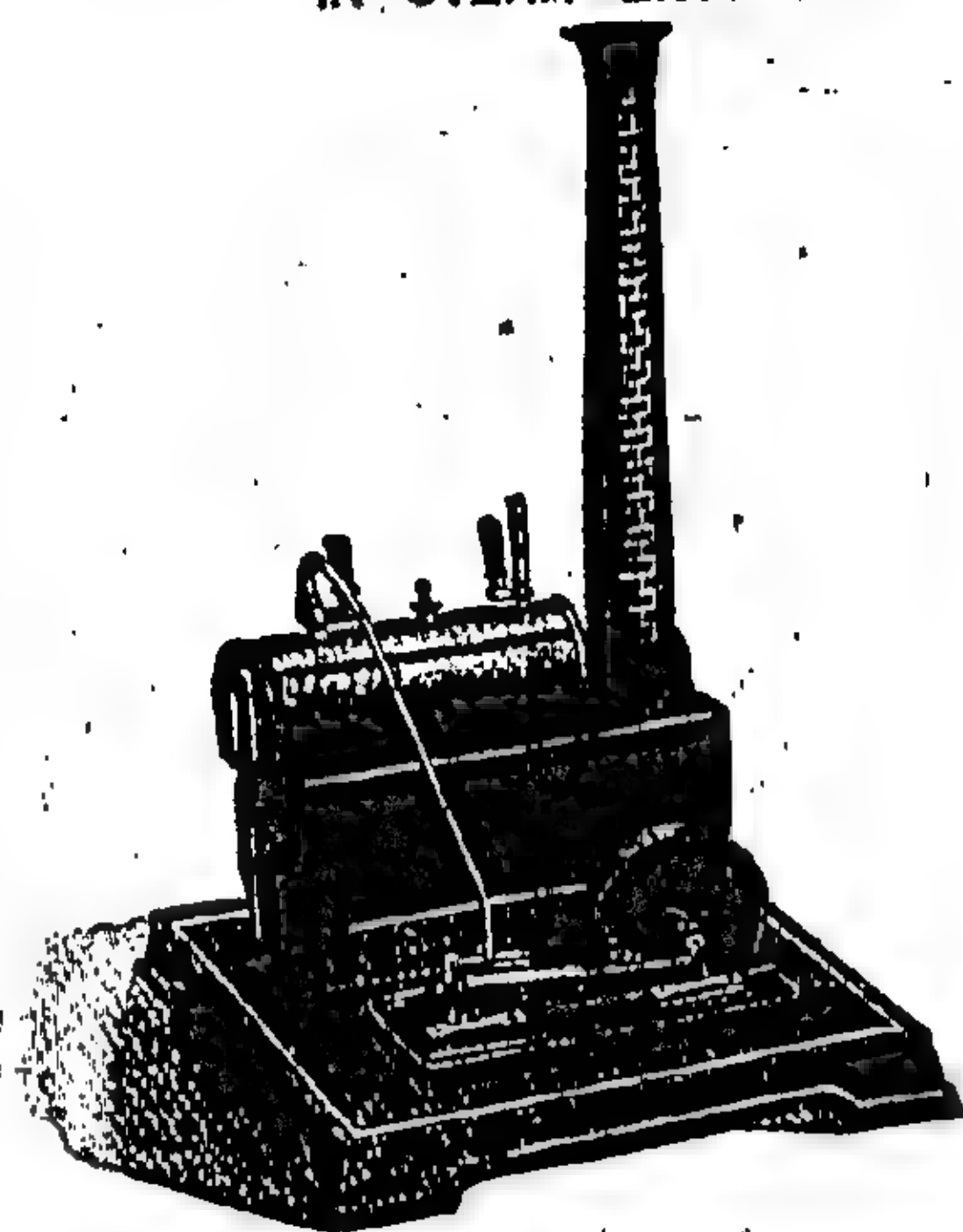


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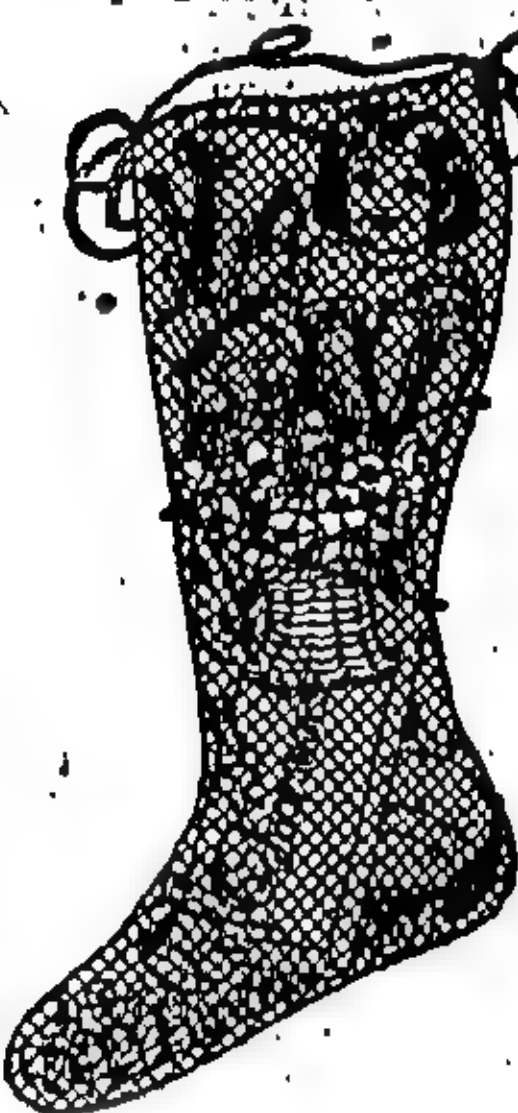
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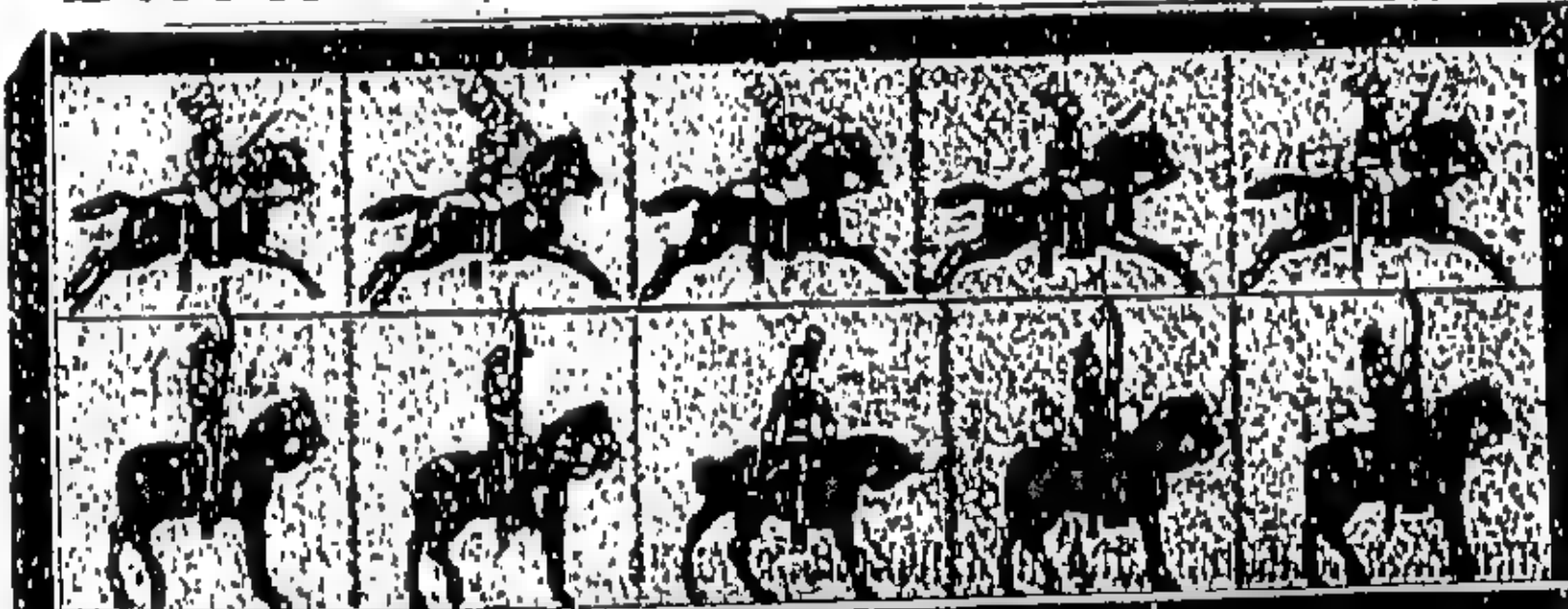


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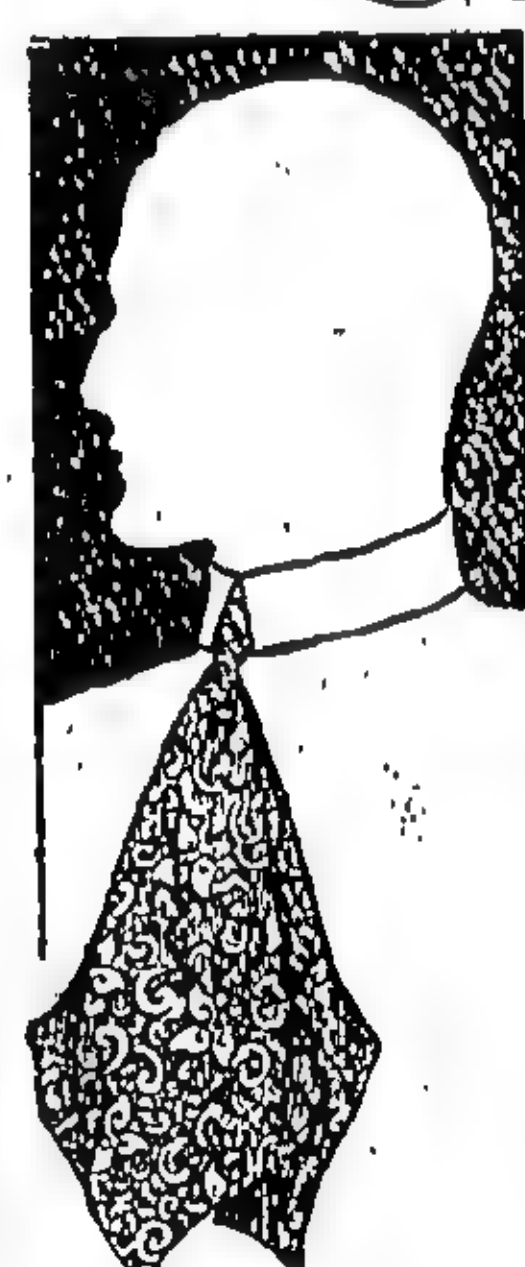
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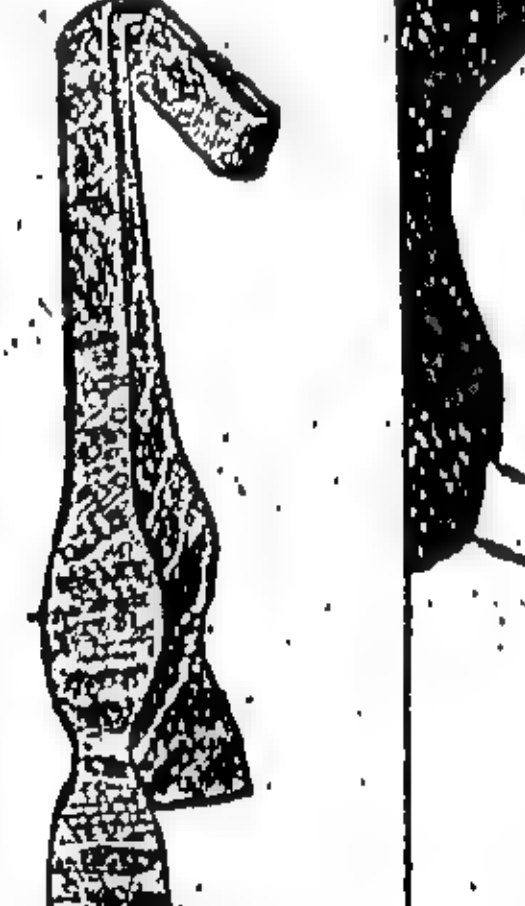
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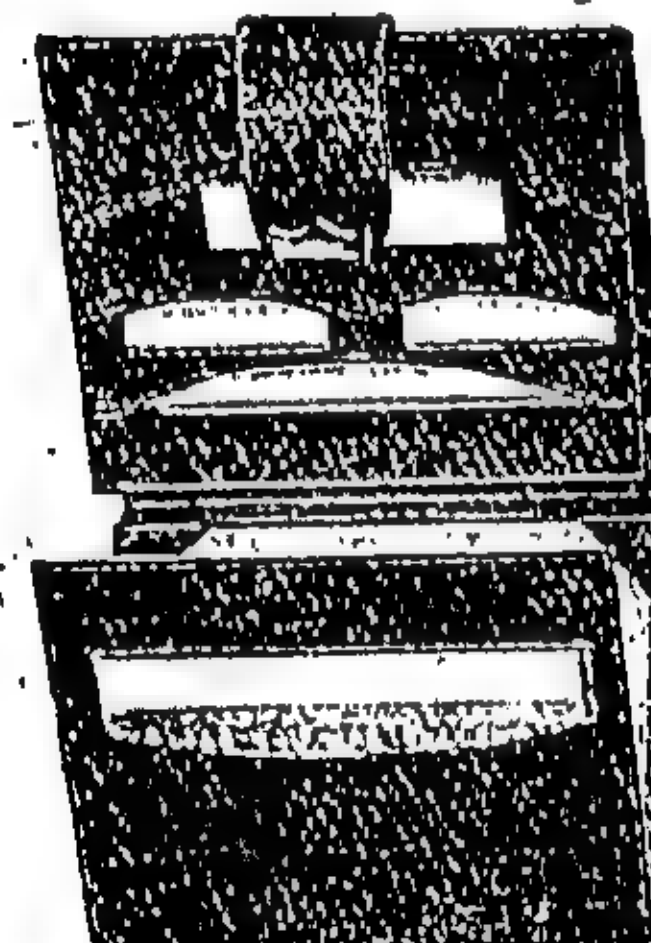
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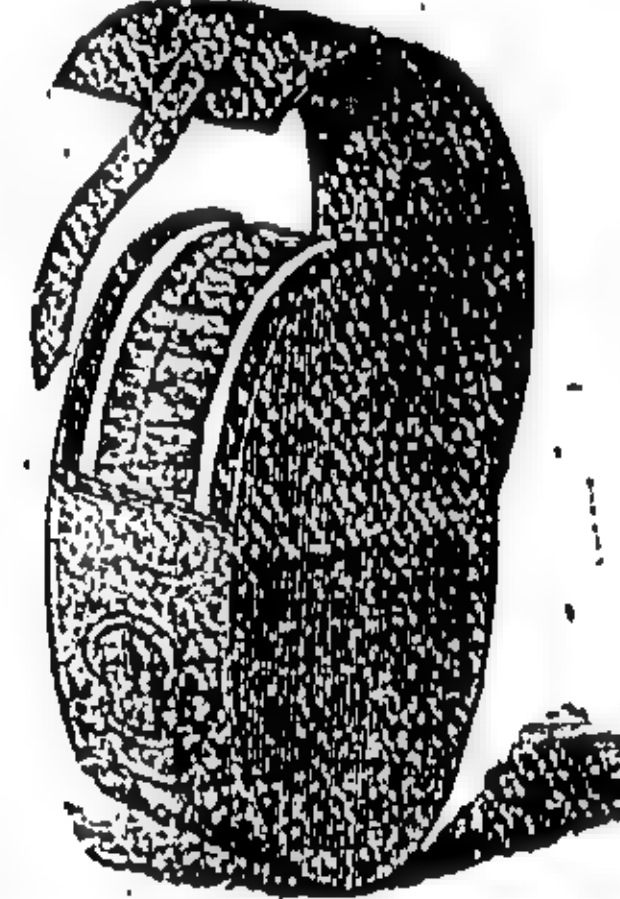
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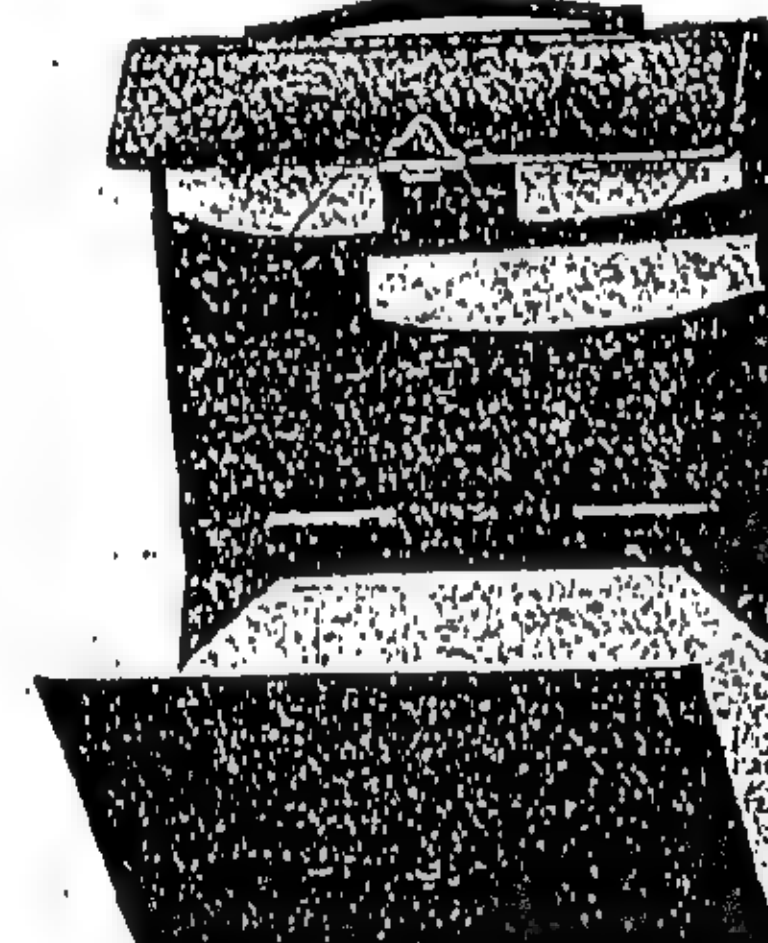
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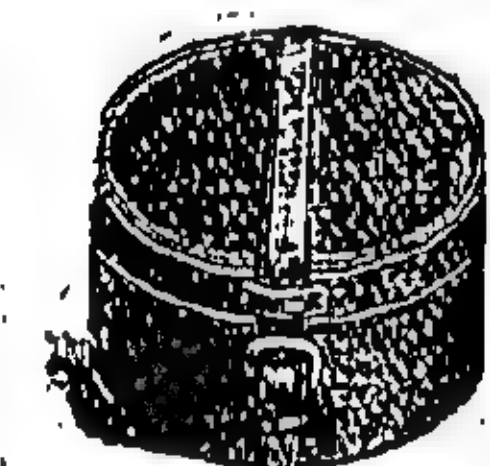
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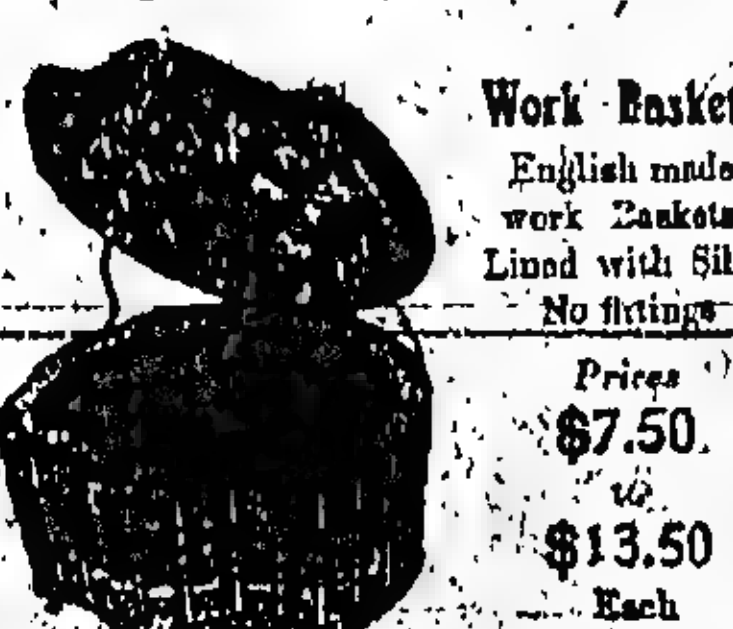
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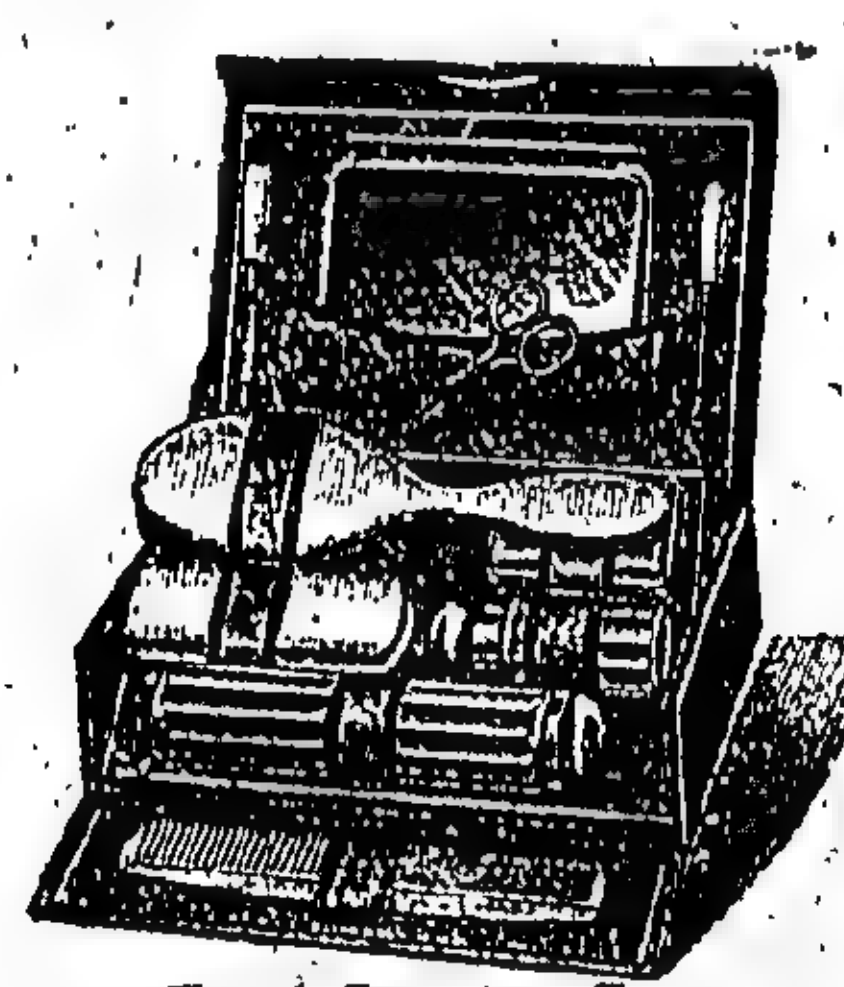
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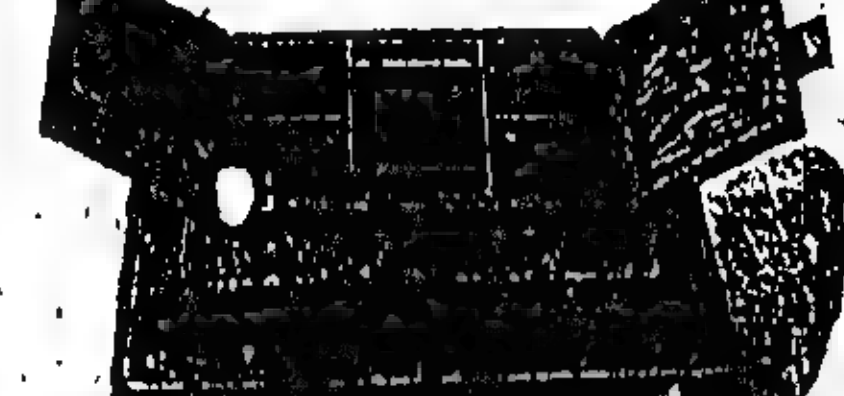
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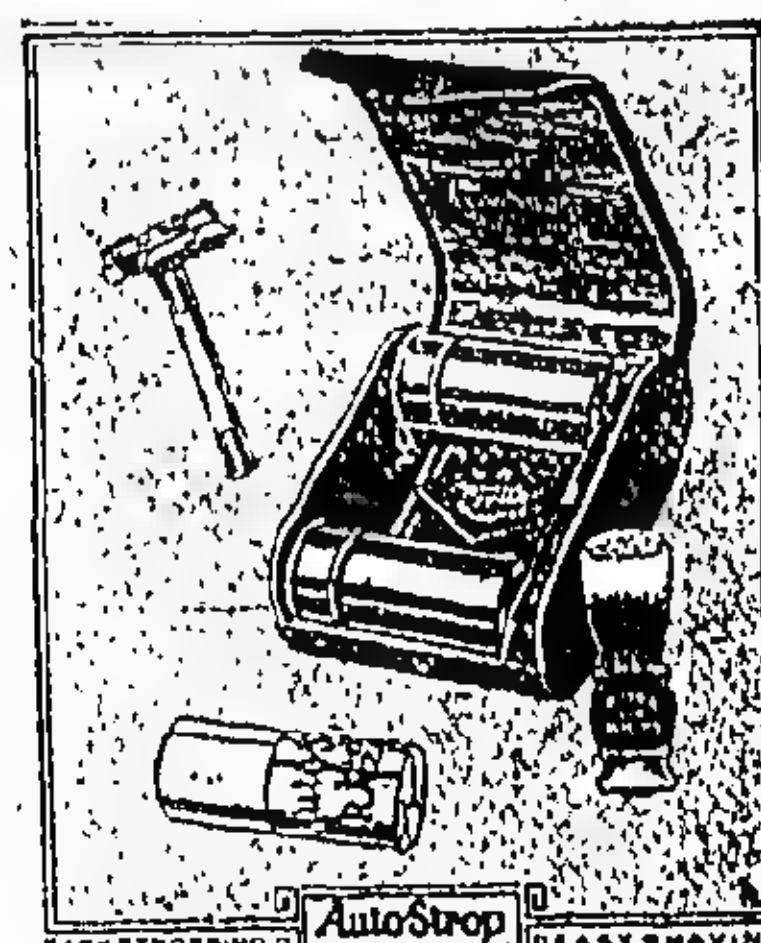
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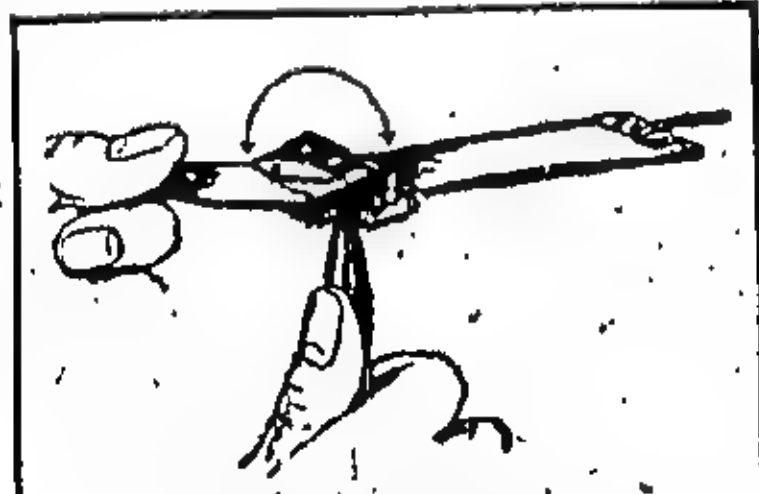
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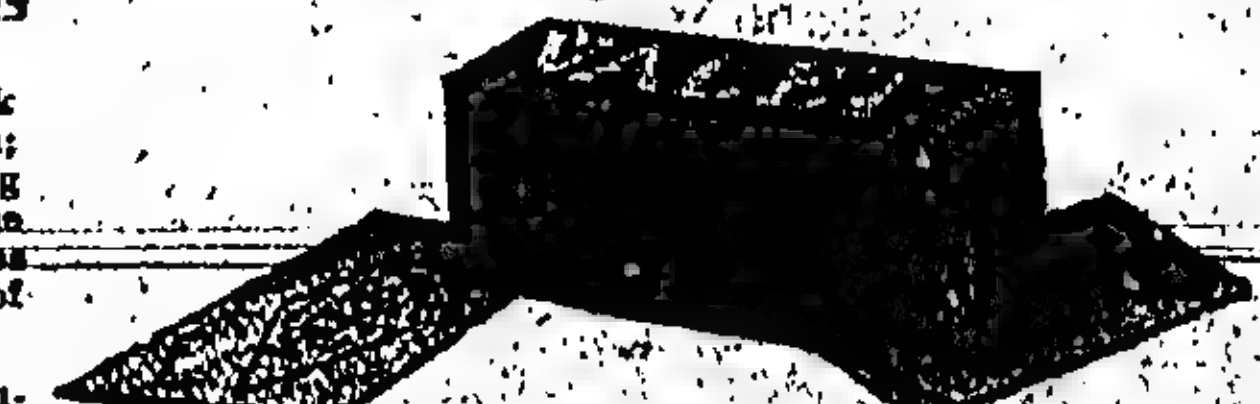
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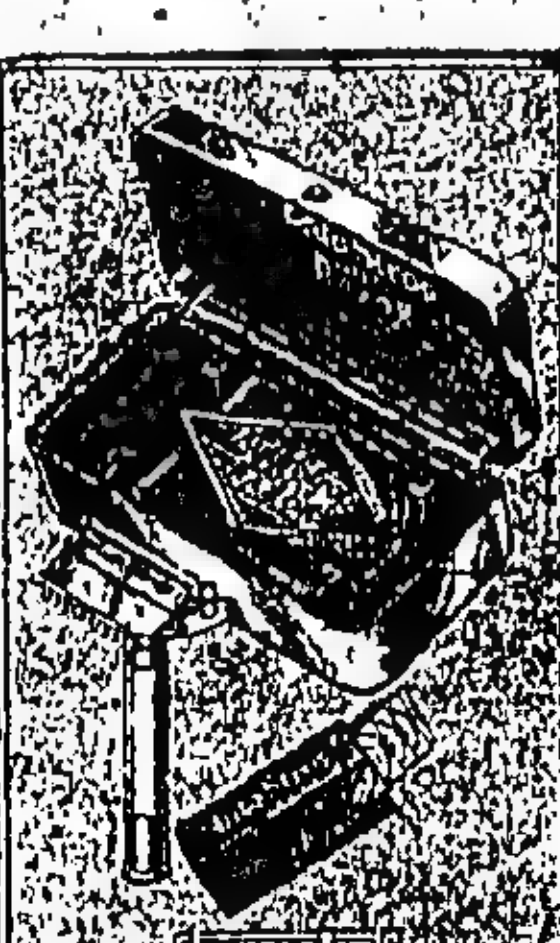
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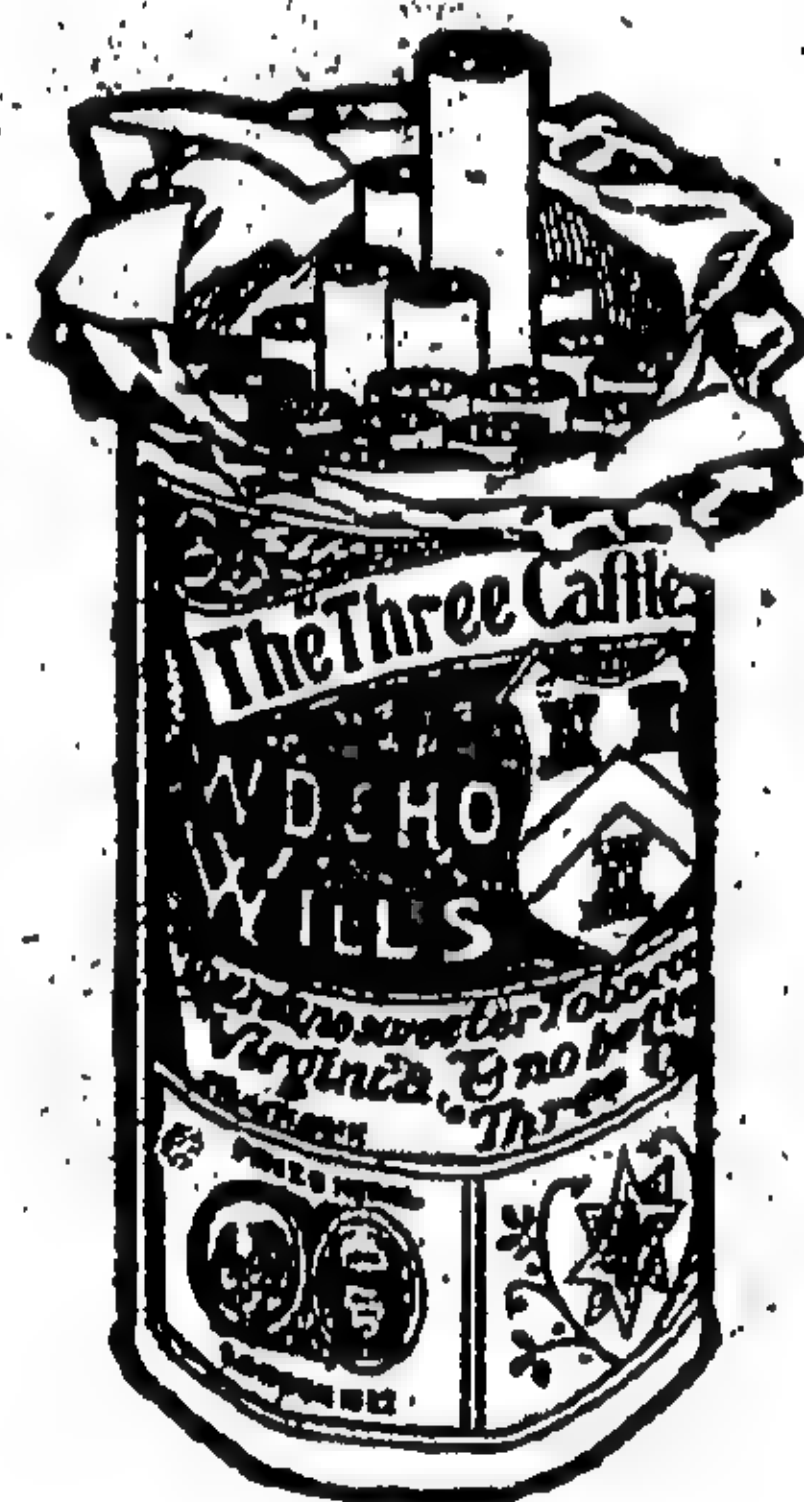
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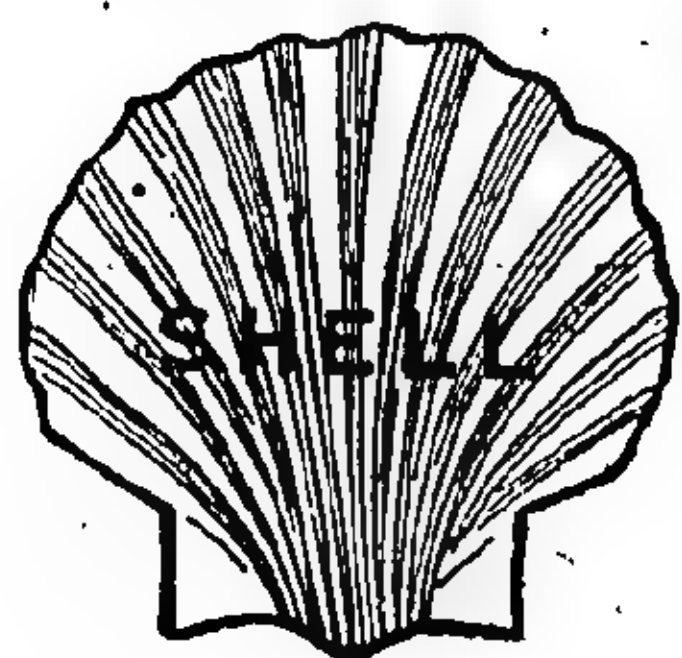
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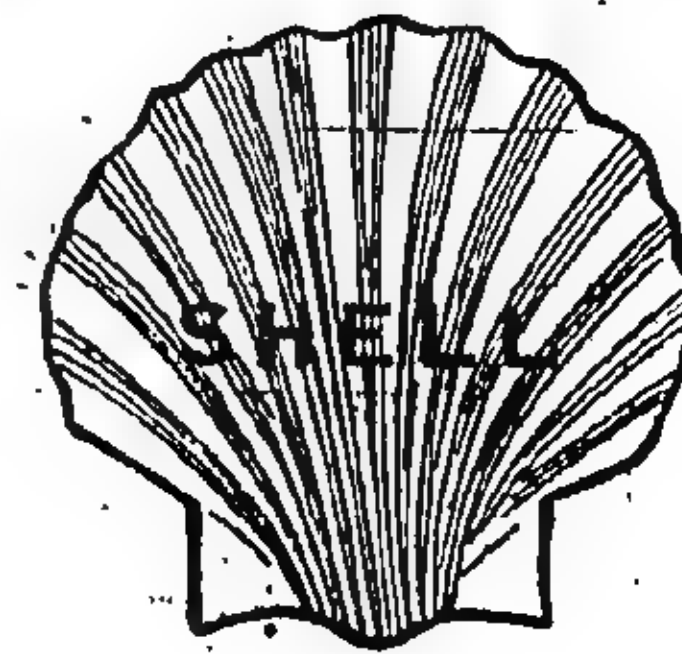
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"KHIVA"	9,097	12th Jan.	MARSEILLE, L'don & A'warp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	26th Jan.	do.
"SARICAR"	8,340	9th Feb.	do.
"NORRA"	10,611	23rd Feb.	do.
"KARNATA"	9,098	8th Mar.	do.
"NADDERA"	15,093	22nd Mar.	do.
"KHYBER"	9,014	5th Apr.	do.
"CHINA"	7,892	19th Apr.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,118	3rd May	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,690	17th May	do.
"KHIVA"	9,097	31st May	do.

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"TANDA"	6,998	13th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th Jan.	Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Thursday Island, Cairns.
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CHURCH NOTES.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

THE EPISTLE.

The message of the Epistle is Hope. The passage is taken from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, towards the close of which he is pleading for the exercise of forbearance between Christian people. He is endeavouring to persuade those, who were by nature liberal-minded, to recognize and to sympathize with those who were over scrupulous about small matters. The Apostle makes his position perfectly clear. Those who are strong in faith should be ready to submit to certain disabilities for the sake of their weaker brethren. For all Christians must be willing to place themselves under the obligation of love. It is not with a man like personally in matters of minor detail, that he should consider, but what is of most service to his friends. "For Christ also pleased not Himself." And this characteristic of the Saviour was foreseen in the Scriptures that were written down that we thought patience might have hope.

By the Scriptures St. Paul means the Old Testament. In his eyes it had a two-fold value. In the first place it contained great moral and spiritual truths; in the second it continually bore witness to Christ. Now it is the second purpose of Scripture which brings hope to the reader. For it reveals the world as fulfilling a purpose directed and guided by God. The writers of the Old Testament looked forward through long periods of overwhelming troubles and distress to a clearly defined climax, the coming of the Messiah. Again and again occasions arose when the prospect was darkened, and there seemed to be no likelihood of a happy issue. Many there were in these periods of depression who fainted by the way and abandoned their purpose. The Israelites, who came out of Egypt in the Exodus, died in the desert; those who were carried away captive to Babylon took to trade, and sought consolation for the loss of national hopes in commercial prosperity, but throughout the long and checkered career of the children of Israel there was always the little band who refused to give up hope, who

"Never doubted clouds would break,
"Never dreamed, though right were worsted, wrong would triumph,
"Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better, sleep, to wake."
Overwhelmed as they were by the facts of life which they were called upon to face, their hopes were finally vindicated when Jesus Christ was born in the stable at Bethlehem. That great fact, so simple in its outward aspect was the proof that their hopes had never been in vain, and so that Apostle directs the minds of his readers to the conception of God as a God of hope, who could fill them with all joy and peace in believing, and make them also abound more and more in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

THE GOSPEL.

The Gospel comes from that section of St. Luke which contains the eschatological teaching of Jesus, that is, the teaching concerning the end of the world. In the life of almost everyone there comes

a point, sooner or later, when it is realized that the conditions of this present world can never fulfil the ultimate needs of a spiritual creature. Disillusionment is an inevitable process, the sooner it comes the better; till a man has passed through it he is unfitted for the hard tasks of life, for he is unable to distinguish the things that really matter from those that are indifferent; both his ideas and his actions are too much like those of the dreamer, unsubstantial and inconclusive.

The school may in its institutions foreshadow the world in mimicry; it may be described as "the little commonwealth," but none the less useful as the mimicry may be in the training of character, it must be recognized that it is only play-acting and not the real thing. So in its turn to the thoughtful mind the world takes the place of the school, and in this way it ceases to be regarded as an end in itself, and becomes instead the preparation, in that which is partial and imperfect, for that which shall some day be realized as a fuller stage of spiritual development.

Now our Lord warned us that the change from the earlier to the later stage will be catastrophic, and it is indeed very difficult to think of it as occurring in any other way. For the slow and gradual extinction of human life upon this earth of ours would almost inevitably involve a deterioration of character quite unsuitable to the purpose which God has always in view. The individual grows old, it is true, but he does this in the midst of that younger life which is shooting up all around him, and so it is possible for him to retain his freshness of mind and of heart, even while his bodily powers are declining. But from what sources could a decaying world have its inspiration? Must it not like Prospero's "insubstantial pageant" dissolve and leave not a rack behind? Such at least is the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ. The material universe will come to a sudden end, but spiritual truths will only stand out more firmly and more clearly in the foreground of a dissolving world. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away."

O living with that shalt endure
When all that seems shall
suffer shock,
Rise in the spiritual rock,
Flow through our deeds and
make them pure,
That we may lift from out of dust
A voice as unto him that hears,
A cry above the conquer'd years
To one that with us works, and
trust,
With faith that comes of self-
control
The truths that never can be
proved
Until we close with all we loved,
And all we flow from, soul in
soul.

ST. LUCY, DECEMBER 13TH.

From early youth Lucy, a young Syracuse maiden of wealthy parentage was betrothed by her relations to a young Pagan noble. Her mother Eutychia, though she brought Lucy up in the Christian Faith, did not seem to realize the impossibility of such a union though Lucy secretly vowed to remain a virgin and dedicate herself to the service of Christ alone. As the time for marriage drew near Eutychia was stricken by an illness which none of the doctors she consulted could cure and Lucy persuaded her to journey to Canaan and pray for health at the tomb of St. Agatha where it was

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numbered many miracles had been wrought. As they entered the Church, the Gospel being read was of the poor woman who had "suffered many things of many physicians and grew nothing better but rather worse" and Lucy whispered in her mother's ear to take courage and rely on the mercy of the Great Physician. When the service was over, legend tells us that Lucy and her mother prostrated themselves before the shrine of St. Agatha beseeching her prayers. While praying Lucy fell into a trance and beheld St. Agatha in robes of dazzling light (surrounded by a host of Angels) who asked her why they sought her aid since Lucy herself, the faithful bride of Christ, could gain health for her mother through her own pure and faithful prayers. Then Lucy awoke and spoke: "You are healed my mother, but as God has given you health, grant me this grace never more to speak to me of marriage but to leave me free to give myself wholly to the Lord." Her mother having granted her request they returned home, sold their jewels and costly furniture and estates and distributed this wealth among the poor, ransoming captives, delivering prisoners and giving freely to all in need. When the Pagan noble learnt that Lucy desired the engagement broken, his love turned to hate, and he went and denounced her as a Christian to the governor—the young maiden was exposed to public infamy but God shielded her and she stood immovable. Oken were bound to her by ropes and great force brought, but nothing could move her from where she stood. Then a great fire was kindled around her but the flames also had no power over her—as she stood surrounded by the tongues of fire, she comforted her fellow Christians telling them the persecutions would soon end. This prophecy was fulfilled when a few years later Constantine became Emperor. At last St. Lucy was martyred at the stroke of a poulard, and the "maiden of light" entered into the joy of her Lord.

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Kobe	NAMSANG	Wed. 26th Dec., Noon.
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

HOME ELECTIONS.

WOMEN CANDIDATES ROUTED.

LONDON, December 7.
Eleven women were defeated
yesterday, including the Labourite
Miss Jessie Stephen by the Con-
servative. Major H. R. Cayzer, at
Portsmouth. To-day's declarations
opened sensationally with a Liberal
gain at Basingstoke, shortly follow-
ed by the announcement that Miss
Margaret Bondfield had gained
Northampton for Labour in a
triangular fight, the Rt. Hon. Mr.
C. A. McCurdy, ex-Coalition Liber-
al Whip, being bottom of the poll.
Capt. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, the
Under-Secretary for the Colonies,
has been re-elected.

PARTY GAINS AND LOSSES.
At 4.30 this morning the parties
stood as follows:
Conservatives..... 111
Liberals..... 69
Labour..... 78
Independents..... 6

The gains were—Conservatives
3, Liberals 31, Labour 30. The net
losses of the Conservatives were
41 seats, and net gains of Liberals
19 and Labour 22.

The state of the parties at 12.30
p.m. was:

Conservatives..... 122
Liberals..... 82
Labour..... 6
Independents..... 6

At 1 p.m. the state of the par-
ties was:

Conservatives..... 136
Liberals..... 70
Labour..... 91
Independents..... 6

At 1.30 p.m. the position was as
under:

Conservatives..... 166
Liberals..... 75
Labour..... 106
Independents..... 7

The gains were 5 Conservatives,
40 Liberals, 37 Labour; and the
losses 55 by Conservatives, 15
Liberals, 11 Labour and one inde-
pendent.

LABOUR NEXT TIME.
Mr. J. R. Clynes, learning of his
election for the seventh time, de-
clared that the result indicated that
the Labour Party before long would
not be His Majesty's Opposition,
but His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Churchill stated that what-
ever might be the consequences he
would never associate himself with
the violent movement of the Left
nor the extreme reaction of the
Right. He was certain from the
results that Protection was broken
in pieces.

Mr. Asquith, loudly cheered, stated
that Paisley was the impregnable
citadel of Liberalism and the
Liberals all over the country were
routing both Protection and
Socialism.

CONSERVATIVES DISAPPOINTED.
The Conservatives admit a de-
gree of disappointment at the first
day's results, especially the ad-
verse turnover, which was
accentuated not only in
Manchester, but Lancashire gen-
erally. Nevertheless, 350 results
remain to be announced, a large
proportion of them in county dis-
tricts traditionally Conservative,
where the Government supporters
profess confidence they have
strengthened their hold by the
policy of agricultural subsidy.

Major Cayzer has been re-elected
for Portsmouth South.

Major General Sir F. H. Sykes,
Conservative, has been re-elected
for Hallam with an increased
majority. His majority at the last
election was 4,332.

Sir A. Shirley Benn, Conserva-
tive, Plymouth, has had his
majority reduced by nearly 3,000.
His majority at the last election
was 3,339.

Major the Rt. Hon. Sir J. L.
Baird, Conservative, has been re-
elected for Ayr with a reduced
majority.

MAJORITY REDUCED.
Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, Con-
servative, has been re-elected for
Woodgreen. His majority has
been reduced by 9,000. At the last
election his majority was over
12,000.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain has
been re-elected.
The Labourite Mr. Young has
gained Partick in a triangular con-
test, defeating Mr. Allan Smith,
Conservative Free Trader and Mr.
McCallum Scott, Liberal; while
the Labourite Mr. Ben Smith
gained Rotherhithe against a Con-
servative and Liberal.

Mr. Fletcher Moulton, Liberal,
gained Salisbury, defeating a
Conservative; and a Liberal, Mr.
Mitchell, similarly gained Perth.
BIRMINGHAM PRO-GOVERNMENT.
Sir Steel Matland has been
elected at Birmingham, which is
proving staunch Government.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has been
re-elected with an increased
majority.

In the Westbury (Wilts) Division,
Mr. C. W. Darbyshire, Liberal,
retained the seat. The polling
was:

Mr. C. W. Darbyshire
(Liberal)..... 10,867
Captain Shaw
(Conservative)..... 9,891
Mr. George Ward
(Labour)..... 4,372
[At the last election Mr.
Darbyshire polled 9,903 votes,
Bridgman 9,262, and Mr.
George Ward 4,572.]

LOSS OF "TREVESA".

LONDON, December 7.
The Board of Trade enquiry into
the loss of the "Trevessa" in the
Indian Ocean on June 4 found that
the vessel sank through springing
a leak, but that there was no evi-
dence to justify a positive finding in
regard to the cause. It did not
consider any individual blame
worthy as the boats were properly
equipped and fine seamanship was
displayed by the officers and crew.

CHINA RELIEFS.

NEW CREWS FOR THE
"DURBAN" AND "MAGNOLIA".

LONDON, December 7.
The light cruiser "Weymouth,"
en route to the China Station with
relief crews for the light cruiser
"Durban" and the sloop
"Magnolia," leaves Sheerness on
the 15th inst., reaches Colombo on
the 21st, January and arrives at
Singapore, where she meets the
"Durban" and "Magnolia" on the
1st February.

MEXICAN REVOLT.

NEW YORK, December 7.
According to despatches receiv-
ed from Vera Cruz, Mexico, five
Mexican States are in open rebel-
lion against President Obregon.
They have repudiated the Federal
Government and replaced Federal
office holders. The Commander
of the Gulf fleet, the Chief of
Marines and General Guadalupe
Sanchez have written to President
Obregon, stating that they are re-
solved to defend the institutions
against which the Obregon
Government is offending in violat-
ing the sovereignty of States and
refusing to permit the free func-
tioning of their legislative powers.

Two columns of rebel troops com-
prising six thousand men are
advancing on Mexico City. Fifteen
thousand additional men are con-
centrated at Vera Cruz. All
strategic positions have been rein-
forced.

VERA CRUZ, December 7.
The rebel movement has already
spread to nine states and the entire
oil region of Tampico and
Huasteca. Loyal troops are now
in contact with the rebels.

Fifteen Mexican Deputies ar-
rived here with a view of establish-
ing a Congress and the designation of
a provisional President.

MEXICO CITY, December 7.
President Obregon has arrived
at Toluca from Celaya and is pro-
ceeding to Chapultepec Castle for
a Cabinet Conference. The Presi-
dent declares that the country
must be pacified and the rebellion
suppressed with an iron hand. It
is reported from San Luis-Potosi
that Federal troops disarmed the
State forces and have crushed the
rebellion there.

COOLIDGE'S ADDRESS.

NEW YORK, December 7.
The morning papers consider
that the President's message is a
model of clearness but comment on
his sentiments on the various ques-
tions strictly in accordance with
their own political leanings. The
New York Times, says that the
message reveals President
Coolidge as a man of first class
political ability who steps forward
as the inevitable leader of his party.

The Tribune thinks it "would be
difficult to state the case for the
World Court more succinctly or
more forcibly. The World declares
that the President's attitude to-
wards foreign affairs briefly put is
"we mean mightily well but what
we mean I cannot quite say." It
adds that President Coolidge ad-
mits that America has a direct
interest in the recovery of Europe
but has nothing to say regarding
how that interest should be made
effective.

MESSAGE BROADCASTED.
NEW YORK, December 7.
By means of broadcasting mil-
lions of Americans heard President
Coolidge deliver his message to
Congress. They caught every
phrase and cheered with Senators
and Congressmen. President
Coolidge's accents could be heard
coming from the open doorways of
transoms in scores of New York
shops.—American Service.

ROYAL VISIT TO HOLLAND.

AMSTERDAM, December 7.
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COMMERCIAL NOTES

FLOUR MARKET COMMENT.

Stocks of flour in the Colony at
present are comparatively small.
Chinese importers are of the
opinion that price should have
moved up had it not been for the
large quantities of "futures" sold
in the last few months. Buyers of
these lots are underquoting the im-
porters. Inquiries for "spot" lots
are not numerous. On the other
hand, both buyers and sellers are
adopting a "wait and see" policy
as regards transactions in "futures,"
for which average quotations are
for clearance in two months about
five or six cents H.K. currency per
50 lbs. sack lower than "spot."
There is no change to record in the
prices given yesterday. It is men-
tioned that import freight is scarce
and difficult to book.

JAVA SUGAR.
Buyers of No. 24 rough white
Java sugar were inactive yesterday
but prices remain steady. Every
body seems to be taking a short
"breather" before engaging in
further deals.

RICE MARKET.
A slight improvement set in in
the local rice market yesterday and
a firm tone still prevails. Prices
in Nam Pak Hong have gone up
about four cents per picul. Quite
a number of small lots were
bought for up-country.

MANCHESTER COMMENT.

Messrs. Morreau & Spiegelberg
report under date October 31:—
Cotton.—The upward tendency
reported in ours of the 17th inst.
continues although the unsteadiness
of cotton is an embarrassing factor
to any volume of turnover being
recorded.

Yarn.—Americans are stiffening
in price, but only a moderate trade
has been done. A fair amount of
trade has gone through in Egyptian
at full prices.

Cloth.—The rapid advance of cot-
ton is reflected on this section of the
market, and in consequence the
offers made last week are now quite
unacceptable.

Calcutta is enquiring for consid-
erable quantities of dhobbies and grey
shirtings, and some business is re-
ported, chiefly in moderate quan-
ties. Madras offers are being re-
ceived but there is not a great deal
about for Bombay, and Karachi is
said to be in the boycott mood.

For China business in greys,
bleachers, sheetings and fancies is
reported, but offers are in most
cases too low in view of the rising
market. However, considerable
quantities are reported to have been
brought to book.

Java is open to buy only very
cheap lots. Singapore wants dhobbies
and bleachers, and the Levant greys
and fancies, while Egypt is open for
Whites at unacceptable rates.

Heavy goods are spoken of for the
home trade and fancies for South
America.

SPORTS.

HOCKEY.

Draw for United Services
Hockey Tournament—First Round
to be played off by December 25,
1923.

Light Cruisers v. H.M.S.
"Hawkins."

Submarines v. H.M.S. "Tamar"
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and Infantry may enter Company
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to the Hon. Sec., Garrison Recrea-
tion Club, C/o D.D.M.S., Head-
quarters, by 10 a.m. on Monday,
December 10, 1923. There will be
a meeting at 11 a.m. on Monday,
10th inst. in the Command Re-
ference Library to make the draw
for the above Competition and to
discuss details of fixtures. Will
Units interested kindly send a
representative to attend this meet-
ing.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The A. O. L. s.s. "City of Spokane"
sailed from Seattle on Oct. 31 and is due
here on or about Dec. 12.

The B. F. s.s. "Lomedon" left Liver-
pool on Nov. 17 for Singapore, Hong-
kong and Shanghai and is due here on or
about Dec. 21.

The B. F. s.s. "Hyson" left Liverpool
on Nov. 16 for Singapore, Hongkong,
Shanghai and Japan and is due here on
or about Dec. 26.

The B. F. s.s. "Tyson" left Liver-
pool on Nov. 24 for Hongkong, Shanghai
and Japan and is due here on or about
Dec. 27.

The A. O. L. s.s. "Kilton" is expect-
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"FEWER AND BETTER."

THE MOTTO OF MODERN
MOVIELAND.

The recent announcement of a famous film of motion picture producers that they will close down temporarily, as in their opinion the industry is suffering from the effects of over-production, puts the matter of cinema development right into the limelight.

Not many months ago the leading men in Movieland decided that the Great Public were demanding "Better Pictures," and in spite of the natural exploitation of the phrase in advertising their products, they did proceed to present quite a number of films that are far in advance of the previous art.

Now the trend is to cut down the number of productions per annum, and increase the time and trouble taken upon films, so that where some studios a few years ago put out, say, 52 films a year, they will not attempt to make more than ten or a dozen under the new system.

The amount of research and technical advice necessary for a first class photoplay would surprise the average visitor to the cinema. Added to this is the work-entailed in preparing the huge sets, and rehearsing the crowds of actors; matters that call for men of great ability and long experience.

From the financial point of view alone, therefore, it is not surprising to read the statement of the Company concerned in the innovation that their aim from now on will be to make motion pictures that in the fullness of time will enjoy just as lasting a reputation as any play presented on the spoken stage. Very few films at present flourish for long, and costs are so prohibitive that a "failure" is an enormous loss. "Fewer and Better" pictures, they claim, will mean more satisfaction and a more enduring entertainment for the public—and, one may presume, a more certain recompense to the producer.

WAY DOWN EAST.

STILL CONSIDERED
GRIFFITH'S BEST.

Judging by the surprising success that has attended the "return" of Griffith's "Way Down East" to the cinema in the larger cities of Europe and America, the general run of movie goers have still a very warm place in their heart for the picture that proved a sensation upon its first presentation.

Many people who make a point of seeing all Griffith's pictures contend that "Way Down East" is still his best production. Others, they say, may be more spectacular, or more dramatic in incident. But they claim that for straightforward, moving narration of a simple story "Way Down East" has no rival.

It is certain that the human appeal in the picture goes to the heart of all classes. For many years the stage play enjoyed universal popularity, but when Griffith presented his big film it was generally conceded that he had far surpassed the original.

There are no laboured efforts to "thrill" in the film. Yet, at the same time it contains a final scene that is even yet the most exciting and breath-taking ever shown. The rescue of the unconscious girl from the drifting ice floe is based upon fact, and has the advantage of being a natural development of the story.

"Way Down East" is to remain the model for its enormous and enduring success.

MARY'S NEW "TESS."

CALLED HER FINEST
PICTURE.

"The crowning achievement of Mary Pickford's career," declared Hiram Abrams, president of United Artists' Corporation, as the final scene in Miss Pickford's new reproduction of that famous screen classic, "Tess of the Storm Country," flashed across the silver-sheet at a recent private showing in New York for Miss Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, and others in the Pickford-Fairbanks party. This verdict was indorsed unanimously by all who saw Miss Pickford's own version and own re-creation, just completed, of one of her early picture triumphs.

Miss Pickford's reproduction of "Tess of the Storm Country," probably marks the first time in the industry that any great star has seen fit to remark in later years, and as an independent producer, a photoplay which earlier had served as one of the big steps toward placing her in the very forefront of cinema artists.

Miss Pickford is said to have taken full advantage of every one of the tremendous improvements in photoplay making that have come into the industry since the first "Tess of the Storm Country" was made. Even the story itself, from that widely read novel by Grace Miller White, is considered vastly improved upon under Miss Pickford's personal handling, while in the matter of direction, settings, art work and photography, this reproduction is so far superior to the original of eight years ago as to defy comparison and beggar description.

ONE EXCITING NIGHT.

GRIFFITH SCORES WITH
DRAMA.

David W. Griffith's screen thriller, "One Exciting Night" is a picture that in every way lives up to its name. To the legion of film fans who have followed the Griffith flag in the past, his new offering will appear much of a departure from his usual paths, but they will have to admit that he has achieved the seeming impossible in producing a picture that combines the elements of love, mystery, burlesque, and melodrama and wove a story that is as full of thrills as a coconut is full of meat.

It has an appeal for virtually every class of theatre-goer, for it contains all the elements that go to make up a complete whole. While it is not a spectacular film, like "Intolerance," nor an historical production like "Orphans of the Storm," he has shown that he is capable of constructing a detective drama that has the same skill in making as an historical narrative, and, at the same time, offer an entertainment that is typically Griffithesque. To do this properly, however, there must be at least one scene that will leave its impress upon the audience. In "One Exciting Night" it is the storm scene, one of the most realistic tempests ever simulated upon stage or screen. The photography in it is superb. Flying branches and streaming rain fill the air, huge trees are uprooted, and the howl of the wind and the concussion of the thunderbolts is given with a graphic intensity that cause the most hardened theatre-goer to gasp with excitement.

It gives opportunity for some of the most gripping moments of the story, as well, when the heroine, in pursuit of the mysterious villain, plunges through the confusion, and is herself rescued by the hero.

Carol Dempster heads the cast, with Henry Hull, who also gives a fine performance. Miss Dempster does some remarkable work, and her agility in the storm scene is little short of amazing. Morgan Wallace does fine work as an elderly scoundrel, and the rest of the players are well cast.

COOGAN FILM PERFECT.

To one not familiar with life in Egypt, the mistakes of a director filming Egyptian episodes and never having visited Egypt, would be unimportant. But to many people visiting the motion picture theatre, the mistakes of a director laying his episodes in London, would be painfully apparent.

Frank Lloyd, who directed Jackie Coogan in Charles Dickens' masterpiece, "Oliver Twist," was selected primarily because he is recognized by all picturegoers as one of the finest directors in the industry.

Another quality that rendered Lloyd the logical man to transcribe

PROGRAMME FEATURES.

TO-NIGHT.

Coronet—"Way Down East."

World—"Through A Glass Window."

Star—"Carmen"

Grand—"Dead Game."

"Oliver Twist" from the pages of a book to the screen of picture theatres was his love for and knowledge of children. Lloyd knows how to get along with juvenile folk and to make them love him heartily and without restraint.

But the final fact that rendered Frank Lloyd the inevitable choice for the difficult "role" of directing the great production was his knowledge of the London not only of to-day but of the Dickens period as well.

"TROUBLE."

JACKIE COOGAN FILM THAT
WILL PLEASE ALL AGES.

In "Trouble," Jackie Coogan's new picture, the human appeal is so strong that the genuine characters in the play cannot fail to meet with success before any type of audience.

The appeal is derived from many sources, but primarily from the unusual personality of the diminutive star, Jackie Coogan, who does the best work of his career enacting the orphan whose indomitable spirit will not be denied.

The story is slight, but it provides enough material for the little fellow in what might be termed episodic form to allow him to display his acting talent, which is considerable, as anybody knows who has seen him in his previous productions of his own or with Charlie Chaplin in "The Kid."

There is one scene in particular in which Jackie excels. In it his work is inspired, and many an older performer could profit by the lesson in pantomime art. This is the court room scene. It alone is worth the price of admission. But the little star does not need to rely upon this one effort for the success of the picture.

"Trouble" contains sentiment without being sentimental. There is a generous amount of humour of a quiet kind, and it is balanced with just the right amount of pathos, without bathos. The titles are especially well written, and are nicely placed in the action.

Master Coogan is surrounded by a group of players that includes Wallace Beery and Gloria Hope, who are practically the only ones who have large parts. Beery, as might be expected, is great as the rough neck plumber who won't work. Miss Hope is clever as his long suffering wife, who adopts the orphan.

A young negro boy, who is not named in the cast, furnishes many laughs, and deserves mention. "Trouble" reminds one of a circus. In "altruistically" taking a youngster to it grown-ups have a good time themselves.

PLAYS WITH BRAINS.

MR. G. B. SHAW ON EFFECT
OF CINEMA COMPETITION.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw has made the following reply to Miss Fay Compton's query whether the cinema threatens to out-dramas of action like "The Prisoner of Zenda" from the legitimate stage.

"When I began writing for the stage," Mr. Shaw says, "I was met with continual complaints that my plays contained dialogue. The critics were not used to it; they cried, 'These are not plays, they are all talk.' Our actors and actresses had nothing to say that mattered; they had to create the characters out of their own personality. They were wonderfully beautiful and fascinating, but they almost forgot how to speak; and some of them have not yet quite recovered the art."

"The drama, though it still kept up a tedious convention of giving the performers certain clichés to learn and repeat, was really a speechless drama; and most of the critics of that day had lost the faculty of listening, and could only gloat over the spectacle. The cinema was a godsend to them; they loved Mary Pickford, not for her charm, but for the blessed certainty that she would never say anything, and that they could still earn their living without thinking."

But the result was that the lapses of speechless drama, deserted the theatre and crowded the cinema. The theatres found themselves forced to find plays that had something to say instead of something to show.

In short, the cinema takes from the theatre only those plays that have no business there; and the resultant pressure on the theatres to find plays with some brains in them is of incalculable benefit to the drama."

THE
STAR

TO-NIGHT

"CARMEN"

TO-MORROW

"OTELLO"

MONDAY

"LA TOSCA"

TUESDAY

"FAUST"

"ETERNAL FLAME."

NORMA REALISES
CHERISHED HOPE.

Norma Talmadge has registered many screen achievements starting under the First National releasing banner. One of her most successful pictures, it will be remembered, was the emotional Spanish drama, "The Passion Flower." More recently came her notable triumph in "Smilin' Through." But Miss Talmadge has not yet been fully satisfied with the semi-costume pictures she had appeared in. She was consumed with ambition to attempt a monumental all costume production, which ambition she has at last realized in "The Eternal Flame."

"The Eternal Flame" is an adaptation of Balzac's "La Duchesse de Langeais," which after months spent searching for a suitable story was decided upon as a fitting one for the versatile young star with its background of pomp and magnificence, its frivolities and heartaches. Therefore, she depicts the complex character of that notable court beauty and coquette, La Duchesse de Langeais.

Those who have studied Miss Talmadge's work and followed her steady growth as an actress of great emotional powers are looking forward with keen interest to this latest part she is enacting, for they are assured she will give a finish and flawless artistry to a role that will set graciously on her young shoulders.

For Norma Talmadge undeniably mixes beauty and personality with brains.

FAMOUS MODISTE.

ENGAGED TO COSTUME
NORMA TALMADGE.

The one-woman costume shop is here! Not run by one woman, but for one. The Walter Isaacs, noted costumers of both the Eastern and Western Coasts, will hereafter look after the costuming of Norma Talmadge, for they have recently arrived in Hollywood and opened the Maison Israel out at United Studios, where Joseph M. Schenck has his producing units at work.

The one-woman shop is a unique establishment, especially since it has at its head so significant a personality in the realm of creative clothes as Mr. Israel. However, Miss Talmadge is far more interested in the widespread influence of her pictures because of this venture than she is at having a notable costumer and his staff numbered among her entourage for her own personal adornment.

Like all artists, she realizes the importance of a strict adherence to detail and period in not only her own creations but those of her casts. Now she announces that instead of keeping the shop for her own convenience and that of her sister, Constance, she intends to throw open its doors for the benefit of her company in order to perfect every detail of costume and design in her productions.

With this end in view, Mr. Israel will soon bring his New York headquarters to Los Angeles. Not only will the showing be limited to gowns and wraps, but will include the accessories in other feminine accessories, including two buyers, will be stationed at the store, and from New York and the clothing shop.

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THE CORONET

BOOKS

REACTIONS OF A READER.

We cannot account for our reluctance to read Mrs. Mary Webb's novel, "Seven for a Secret" unless it was that the title struck us as illusive, a shade annoying. We are sensitive to titles; we like to like them. This one we could not remember when the book was out of reach, and you will agree that there is something amiss with such a title. You see, the average reader does not know that old lifting west country rhymes.

I saw seven magpies in a tree,
One for you and six for me.
Two for sorrow,
Two for joy,
Three for a girl,
Four for a boy,
Five for silver,
Six for gold,
Seven for a secret
That's never been told.

Now that whatever number of praise the more discriminating of the reviewers recorded this book has long since been silenced, we discover that we like it rather better than most current novels. For one thing, it bears us out in a favourite conviction: that the English, by reason of their richer inheritance, can handle a story of this nature with a restraint still unattainable by the Americans. The English preserve sanity, power, balance, perspective. So horrible much depends upon the method. *Seven for a Secret* over to certain of the younger Americans and watch what they would make of it. Mrs. Webb gives us a picture of very real men and women, farming people of Shropshire, close to the Welsh border, painted against a setting of sheep-strawed purple moorland, haunted by gypsies and shimmering moonlight. The author uses her natural background as a protagonist in the story, in the manner of Thomas Hardy. Her characterization is masterly; her style has both charm and power; and so delicately does she touch upon the intertwined problems and frailties of human experience as never to be offensive or vulgar. The novel was worth coming so late.

Another book which we can imagine as having been written only by an Englishwoman is Miss Rumer Wilson's "The Grand Tour." To call it a novel is a misnomer. It is rather an aggrandized and gilded "commonplace book," purporting to record the fleeting moods and experiences of a famous Parisian sculptor. Self-conscious and affected, of course, but perhaps any genius would be so if given full rein as was the fictitious Alphonse Marichaud. Abnormally sensitive, too, to fine shadings of insight, of temperament, of personality. The book should be read slowly, laid away and lifted down only upon urgent impulse; for, read straight through, it surfeits. The sculptor is overbearing fastidious and sophisticated. Yet such a fragment as "Le Bloc d'Or," in which M. Hyacinthe Simon seeks to add the final to his success by ordering a bust of himself in marble, is superbly done.

There is now available another edition of Mr. Walter de la Mare's "Songs of Childhood," with illustrations by Estella Canziani. At first glance we did not see the justification, though of course there could never be too much of de la Mare. But as we looked further, we caught the cue. We found we were thinking of William Blake, for the little drawings do recall his workmanship. Suddenly, too, we realized that it was fitting that Blake should come into our thought, that he and de la Mare are intellectual companions. What do centuries matter? Mr. de la Mare is assuredly more of Blake's generation than were his own contemporaries. We are convinced of it, particularly when he writes from the standing-ground of the child. These poems rouse the same response that do all of Mr. de la Mare's poems in the hearts of Blake lovers.

We have not yet read, "The Able MacLaghins," Miss Margaret Wilson's prize novel; but we begin to think we must. For we heard one of its ardent admirers say that it is just the book for the younger generation, an excellent antidote to the run of modern fiction. As such it may even come with a rush of relief to their elders.

—M. W.

NEW NOVELS.

GOOD HUNTING.

(Chapman & Hall. 7s. 6d. net.)
Lively, caustic, witty, and wise, Mr. Norman Davy's new story will afford plenty of satisfaction to that large class of readers whose withers are unwrung by his satire. There will be other classes roughly, two in number, who will, perhaps, profess annoyance at his sincerity. There is, first, the young man about town, the eligible "parti," encouraged by scheming mothers, who is so confident of his own claims as to be perpetually afraid of getting "caught." And there is, on the other hand, the young girl trained in the belief that marriage is the only possible business of womanhood and fretfully anxious as the years go by and no sufficiently ardent suitor presents himself to press his claims. Both these classes are graciously but effectually sacrificed by Mr. Davy's satirical penitence; and it is proverbially difficult to preserve one's sense of humour when one's own foibles are being exposed to the ridicule of the world. That man must, however, be a self-satisfied coxcomb indeed who is impervious to the genial good nature of Mr. Davy's travesty. And, as for the women of the tale, the author is so obviously head over heels in love with the lot of them that he is fairly sure of forgiveness, before they are half through his hero's odyssey of philandering.

"Good Hunting" is, to put it briefly, a satire on the modern marriage market, and on the unnatural hesitation which the financial aspect of marriage is apt to breed in an averagely sensitive temperament. Julian Carr, the young man hunted by these modern Dianas of the love-chase, is a very ordinary, wealthy, unimaginative specimen of manhood. Left to himself he would probably have made a good enough affair of matrimony; but he is overshadowed by the cloud of suspicion, and gradually begins to believe himself the beleaguered victim of a universal feminine siege. So, whenever his heart is sufficiently engaged, his unhappy judgment must needs plunge to the rescue, and switch him off upon another tack, just when an engagement appears imminent. And, indeed, he is not without excuse; for the young woman who indulges themselves in the "good hunting" are, when all is said and done, a sad set of mixers. Whatever their breeding and sexual history, the advent of

Mr. Julian Carr sets them all in pursuit of the main chance; and it must be confessed that some of them stoop to sufficiently questionable manoeuvres in order to entangle Mr. Carr in his amatory talk. In fact, they all overreach themselves; even Bobbie, the engaging daughter of a peculiarly repulsive parson, who casts aside her last shreds of modesty in the determination to display her charms to the gaze of her too obdurate charmer. Mr. Carr, we begin to believe, is destined to perpetual bachelorhood; but at last, like the gay Lord Oxer of other years, he falls a victim to the "usual, creamy English girl," who is, none the less, not such a fool as she looks, since she is taking to herself a husband in order to cover her intrigues with another and a younger paramour. A sad cynic is Mr. Norman Davy, you may be tempted to say, but he is a thoroughgoing wit as well, and the bright, incisive spirit of his latest novel will, no doubt, increase the number of that enthusiastic public which lifted the author of "The Pilgrim of a Smile" into the front rank of favourite novelists within a few weeks of his first appearance at the libraries.

O. HENRY MEMORIAL STORIES.

(Heinemann. 7s. 6d. net.)

One approaches the fourth volume of O. Henry Memorial Award Prize Stories with both sympathy and admiration. Sympathy for the committee in their gigantic task of reading through and assessing the value of some hundreds of short stories; and admiration for the general success with which their efforts have been attended. The art of the short story is rare, and it is given to few people to possess that facility in it which marked the work of the master whose name this memorial perpetuates. Therefore it is easy enough to imagine, without the aid of the very interesting analytical introduction, the difficulties which confronted the committee in agreeing to the final selection of examples worthy of perpetuation in this book.

They have chosen sixteen, giving the first prize of \$500 to Mr. Irvin S. Cobb's "Snake Doctor," the second of \$250 to Mrs. Rose Wilder Lane's "Innocence," and a special prize of \$100 to Mr. F. R. Buckley's "Gold Mounted Guns," three excellent examples of the American short story. Of the collection as a whole, it is unnecessary to say very

much, bearing in mind the care and attention devoted to the work of selection. But the wise reader will find the series, good as it undoubtedly is, more enjoyable if he takes it slowly. The American short story is no more palatable than the common run of British efforts of the kind if taken in large doses.

VOLTAIRE AND GIBBON.

The one was fire and fickleness, a child,
Most mutable in wishes, but in mind,
A wit as various—gay, grave, sage or wild—
Historian, bard, philosopher, combined.
He multiplied himself among mankind,
The Proteus of their talents; but his own
Breathed most in ridicule—which, as the wind,
Blow where it listed, laying all things prone—
Now to overthrow a fool, and now to shake a throne.

The other, deep and slow, exhausting thought,
And hiving wisdom with each studious year,
In meditation dwelt, with learning wrought,
And shaped his weapon with an edge severe,
Sapping a solemn creed with solemn sneer;
The lord of 'merry—that master-spell,
Which stung his foes to wrath,
Which grew from fear,
And doomed him to the zealot's ready hell,
Which answer, to all doubts so eloquently well.

NOTES.

The posthumous work of the late Sir William Robertson Nicoll, entitled "Dickens's Own Story," has been published by Messrs. Chapman and Hall.

A new "History of English Literature," in one volume, is to be published at once by Messrs. Nelson. Mr. John Buchan is the editor, assisted by Sir Henry Newbolt and Dr. Ernest Barker. It will have many illustrations from contemporary prints and several important contributors.

LATEST FICTION LIST.

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CHATER ROAD, HONGKONG.

Mr. Clement K. Shorter, editor of the "Sphero," brought out some three years ago a collected edition of the Poems of Anne Brontë, through the firm of Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton. He has now prepared a couple of companion volumes containing the Complete Poems of Emily and Charlotte Brontë, arranged and collated with notes and bibliographical introductions by Mr. C. W. Hatfield. The poems of Emily Brontë have always been recognised by all instructed lovers of poetry, and this uniform edition of the lyrical work of all the three sisters is sure of a big public.

John Marley (recalls a British daily) grew up to manhood at a time of quite unusually splendid activity in English letters. The year, for instance, in which he took his degree at Oxford was surely one of the most prolific in literary history, for among the amazing stream of great books which succeeded each other month after month in 1859 were Darwin's "Origin of Species," Thackeray's "Virginians," Dickens's "Tale of Two Cities," Eliot's "Adam Bede," Meredith's "Ordeal of Richard Feverel," Henry Kingsley's "Geoffrey Hamlyn," Ruskin's "Two Paths," "Mill's" "Liberty," FitzGerald's translation of "Omar

Khayyam," and Tennyson's "Idylls of the King." And in addition works of minor importance by writers like Mrs. Gaskell, Charles Kingsley, and Matthew Arnold were appearing regularly in various periodicals.

Graceless people, those literary critics! One of them has actually been daring, in an evening paper, to poke fun at the style of no less formidable a giant of the circulating library than Mr. A. S. M. Hutchinson. To support his irreverent attack, he went so far as to quote a single extraordinarily tortuous and involved sentence, consisting of no fewer than one hundred and thirty-six words, from Mr. Hutchinson's latest published volume of short stories. Really, it is hard to understand what some of these carping censurers expect. It is coming to something, indeed, when they presume to demand perfect literary style and impeccable English as part of the necessary equipment of a best-seller!

Mr. Rudyard Kipling is to issue a new book. The title is "Land and Sea Tales for Boys and Girls," consisting of sixteen poems and stories, all hitherto unpublished.

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WORLD THEATRE

LAST SHOW TO-DAY

SCREENLAND.

COMEDY DRAMA.

AMUSING WORLD PICTURE.

The Universal entertainment at the World Theatre is a new sort of flapper yarn. As "Don't Get Personal," Marie Prevost flits charmingly through the stellar role of a comedy drama directed by Clarence Badger.

The story is by I. R. Ving and Doris Schroeder concerns a young and fascinating girl of the Great White Way who strays into the peaceful paths of a millionaire's country estate. What she learns there would make the average New York girl look like a piker in the way of worldly wisdom.

The reason for this sudden acquisition of knowledge is that the

FORCEFUL WRITER.

THIRD NORRIS STORY
FILMED.

Bessie Barriscale, by her choice of the third in a series of Kathleen Norris stories, for use on the screen, has given this popular writer of magazine stories and serials the same endorsement which the editors of the best American publications began consistently to give her about ten years ago.

In "The Luck of Geraldine Laird," which will be seen here at the World Theatre for 3 days starting on Sunday, Miss Barriscale puts on the screen the story which Mrs. Norris gave the reading world under the same title.

Mrs. Norris comes from that part of the country, where the motion pictures have birth—California. She was born there about forty years ago, and so finds herself very successful at the age when the novelist usually is just beginning to come to his own. She was educated in California by private tutors, and by her parents. Later she attended the University of California, where she took special literary courses.

Her maiden name was Kathleen Thompson. She changed it April 30, 1909, when she was married to Charles Gilman Norris, of San Francisco. With marriage came the inspiration to write and she began to contribute to the Atlantic Monthly, McClure's, the American, Everybody's, the Ladies' Home Journal and other magazines in the next two or three years. Within five years after publication of her first stories she had started to write serials, and had gained a wide public.

MISS BARRISCALE'S APPRECIATION. Among her longer stories, which won success when printed in magazines, and which later appeared in book form were "Mother," and "Saturday's Child." The first story of hers which was chosen for screen use by Bessie Barriscale was "The Heart of Rachel." Soon after Miss Barriscale purchased the rights to "Joseph's Wife" and "The Luck of Geraldine Laird" followed. Miss Barriscale finds something particularly suited to her talents in Mrs. Norris' stories, and will continue to put them on the screen, having had eyes now on one which is still going through a leading magazine.



Marie Prevost in "Don't Get Personal"

sweet thing tries to save a harmless young man from the wiles of an alluring vamp. Why she does it Cupid only knows—and Cupid is too mad to talk about it. He doesn't like strangers butting in on his match-making profession.

With T. Roy Barnes and Roy Atwell in the main masculine roles and George Nichols—the father of "Molly-O"—in the chief character part, it ought to offer a snappy, free-for-all run flapper fun.

Ralph McCallough, Alida B. Jones, Daisy Robinson, Sadie Gordon and Del Loria are the other principal players supporting Miss Prevost.

Barriscale has the appropriate role of a wise young man with a strong disapproving gaze falling in love, or permitting Barbara to fall in love with him. Part of course, that

MISS DEAN'S BEST.

DYNAMIC STAR WINS NEW LAURELS.

The real triumph of Priscilla Dean's career is coming to the World Theatre soon.

It is "The Flame of Life," an adaptation of one of Frances Hodgson Burnett's famous novels and was filmed under Hobart Henley's direction as a Universal-Jewel special.

With coal smeared face, a masculine rigidity in carriage, a pathetic toil droop to the shoulders and the face lines of a human beast of burden, Miss Dean has achieved a characterization of consummate artistry.

Not a single pretty gown, not even a good looking working dress does she wear, for the days of the story are 1870, and the locale is the collier country of Northern England. Even at the last her climax finds her in a plain black gown and funny peaked hat.

There is a thrill element in the story, but it is carefully subdued and is second in importance to the emotional work.

"The Flame of Life" is not a dainty story; it is decidedly realistic, but its beauty is said to be matchless from a standpoint of art. The ending comes suddenly, unexpectedly, and without any preparation for the heroine in the way of wealth, social climbing or even clothes. At the end she cannot even read or write intelligently.

This will be interesting to those critics who find fault with the golden endings that are too common in pictures. The "hero," a gentleman, wants to marry the slate picker (Miss Dean) but she refuses to, even though she loves him greatly, because she feels that the class distinction is too great a gulf to be bridged. She goes away to learn how to be a lady, but with a promise that when she returns, if he still feels the same way, she may give another answer.

Robert Ellis, Wallace Beery, Kathryn McGuire and Beatrice Burnham were given opportunities in the story for distinctly novel portrayals.

"Mrs. Norris knows women," said Miss Barriscale, in commenting upon the series which she has made, all from the same pen. "Or perhaps, it might be better to say that she and I have the same ideas about the inner hearts of women. At any rate her stories seem to me the most human and sympathetically written stories now to be found. That is why I have taken three of them to screen vehicles, and may make more later."

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A new kind of photoplay cocktail, made of bootlegging and love.
Mixed by the U. S. Secret Service and topped by a chase from Cuba to Dryburg, Mass.
Loaded with a "Kick" that shoots an outlaw schooner right into a fog filled "Chicken."

MAY McAVOY.

"THROUGH A GLASS WINDOW" STAR.

It was a very "sweet" picture, the first photoplay in which May McAvoy ever appeared. For the young star who appears for the last time to-day at the World Theatre, in "Through a Glass Window," made her picture debut in a one-reel affair advertising a popular brand of sugar. She took that advertising job because the casting directors for regular legitimate drama couldn't "see her." They thought she was too small and failed to recognize the remarkable appeal of the girl.

When the "sugar" photoplay appeared, however, they revised their ideas and she leaped into instant popularity, a popularity which led to stardom following her appearance as "Grizel" in Barrie's "Sentimental Tommy."

"Through a Glass Window" is a Realist picture. It was written by Olga Printzlau and directed by Maurice Campbell. Raymond McKee is the leading man and heads an unusually strong supporting cast of character players.

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THIS gripping story, the unusual child of Sarah's from the pen of one of America's best famous living novelists—FRANK NOVELS—HODGSON BURNETT—was transferred to the screen by the master of Robert Henley's direction. It is a story of love and adventure everybody will enjoy to the utmost!



Priscilla Dean in "The Flame of Life"

ROTARY.

ABOUT IT AND ABOUT.

[Our references to the desirability of establishing either an International Club in the Colony, or a Rotary Club, has excited interest. Thanks to Mr. R. L. Moeller, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., we are enabled to give in concise form information regarding The Rotary Club and what it seeks to do. To aim at the very highest, and best, but to be content with the best possible, is the only true wisdom of Rotary," one writer has said, whilst another remarks, "The value of membership in Rotary depends upon whether or not we gain ideals of good, clean, vigorous, serviceable citizenship, and the ability to express such ideals in deeds which count." The individual Rotarian is enjoined to lead an exemplary life—"not perfect, for none are, but at least decent."]

THE ROTARY CLUB.

Meets once each week for luncheon or dinner.

Membership formed on the unique plan of an active and representative man from each line of business and profession in the community.

OBJECTS.

To encourage and foster:

(a) High ethical standards in business and professions.

(b) The ideal of SERVICE as the basis of all worthy enterprise.

(c) The active interest of every Rotarian in the civic, commercial, social and moral welfare of his community.

(d) The development of a broad acquaintance as an opportunity for service as well as an aid to success.

(e) The interchange of ideas and of business methods as a means of increasing the efficiency and usefulness of Rotarians.

(f) The recognition of the worthiness of all legitimate occupations and the dignifying of the occupation of each Rotarian as affording him an opportunity to serve society.

MEMBERS.

Making the acquaintance of men you ought to know.

Genuine, wholesome good-fellowship.

Developing true and helpful friends.

Enlightenment as to other men's work, problems and successes.

Education in methods that increase efficiency.

Stimulation of your desire to be of service to your fellow men and society in general.

Business returns that come from enlarging your acquaintance and inspiring confidence in you and your business.

OBLIGATIONS.

To attend meetings regularly.

To pay dues promptly.

To act when called upon.

To be a big-hearted, broad-minded man—a man of energy and action—a real man—a Rotarian.

SCOPE AND PURPOSES.

A Rotary Club consists of men selected from each distinct business or profession, and is organized to accomplish:

First: The betterment of the Individual Member.

Second: The betterment of the Member's Business, both in a practical way and in an ideal way.

Third: The betterment of the Member's Craft or Profession as a whole.

Fourth: The betterment of the Member's Home, his Town, State and Country, and of Society as a whole.

THE BETTERMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER—PERSONALLY.

For its members Rotary provides activities which will:

(1) Extend their horizon of business experience.

(2) Stimulate their minds to travel in unfrequented channels of thought.

(3) Arouse them to service for others.

(4) Help them attain their greatest possibilities.

(5) Make them leaders among men.

THE BETTERMENT OF THE MEMBER'S BUSINESS—PRACTICAL AND IDEAL.

On the practical side, the Rotary activities provide an opportunity for increased business through the establishment of cordial, intimate, friendly relations between members.

Mark! They provide an opportunity—nothing more—nothing less. If, by participation in club affairs, the member gains the confidence of his fellow members, and if, with this fundamental business asset, he combines satisfactory goods, correct prices, and service, his opportunities are often translated into results.

Business between Rotarians is not an obligation of Rotary—it is not its essence—nor is it the reason for Rotary's existence—it is only an incident.

On the ideal side, the Rotary activities provide members with codes of correct practices and high standards in business. In Rotary, ideals are not mere dreams of aspiration—they are working models for the member's daily life. They are equally applicable to his personal habits as to his business conduct. The ideals of Rotary cover all phases of business morality as well as the whole range of the various elements which enter into what is called "service." The practices and ideals connected with the member's business are happily blended in Rotary's slogan: Service Above Self—He Profits Most Who Serves Best.

The foregoing Rotary activities which concern themselves with the individual member and the individual member's business are all there is in Rotary as its founders understood it and as their followers have carried forward the original beliefs.

The other Rotary activities, which arise mainly out of the inspiration of Rotary teachings, are distinguished as "Applied Rotary." When a man has been developed and educated in Rotary he is inspired with the desire to do something worth while—to create, as it were, a survival value. If the education of the member has been well done, "Rotary-at-Work" follows as naturally as day follows night. The essence of Rotary put-to-service becomes "Rotary Applied." Rotary here offers the member two definite fields for service.

THE BETTERMENT OF THE MEMBER'S CRAFT OR PROFESSION AS A WHOLE.

Rotarians are representatives from Rotary to their respective classifications. The betterment of the member's craft or profession can be accomplished by carrying to the craft or profession Rotary's ideals of business morality and service.

While a member of the Rotary Club, filled with Rotary spirit, may make his business practices conform to Rotary ideals, this does not relieve him from the Rotary duty of trying to influence others of his classification who are outside of Rotary to do likewise. Let all Rotarians pay their debt of service in this way, and by this means can the whole business world be leavened. This is Rotary's greatest opportunity for service.

THE BETTERMENT OF THE MEMBER'S HOME, HIS TOWN, STATE AND COUNTRY AND OF SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

The activities of Rotarians in accomplishing these betterments naturally group themselves into two main lines of effort—Civics and Charities. Rotary's province is to train each of its members to be a better citizen, a better member of the Chamber of Commerce, a more loyal American, British, Canadian, etc. All phases of local civic activity should be freely discussed at meetings, and it is the

duty of the club officers to provide the members with knowledge of and inspiration for active participation in civic betterment. As a general rule, the manifestation of the Rotarian's interest in civics should result in his activity as an individual or as a member of the Chamber of Commerce, etc., rather than in concerted action in the name of the Rotary Club. There are specific instances, however, where service to the community demands that the Rotary Club shall act collectively, but such action should take place only after the most careful prior consideration. The activities of the Rotary Club should not duplicate the work of the many highly efficient organizations which are found in all towns and cities.

Any question on which the respective political parties have taken sides should not be submitted to a vote in any club. This restriction is obviously intended to safeguard the precious friendships which exist in the club.

No limitation or suggestion covering Rotary's work in civics has been attempted, and, therefore, the activities along this line are as numerous as the many forms of charity.

Rotary has a distinct field of its own, and it is mainly educational in character. It is differentiated from other organizations (1) by its limited membership, and (2) by its activities concerning the individual member's business, and (3) by its placing on the members the responsibility of awakening their respective crafts and professions to higher standards.

Rotary arose in 1905 out of an inspiration—literatureless. Since then much has been written on Rotary and some precedents established. There are two which are of sufficient importance to be kept constantly before us. One is: "Rotary meetings must never rely for enthusiasm on the false exhilaration of liquor." The second precedent is: "No unworthy jest should be told by speakers at Rotary gatherings." This excludes not only the smutty story, but also the double-meaning impromptu hurled at the speaker from the floor. There are many other precedents, but none so strongly entrenched as the two just mentioned.

In so far as you give of yourself to Rotary, you will receive. You cannot take more out of Rotary than you put into it.

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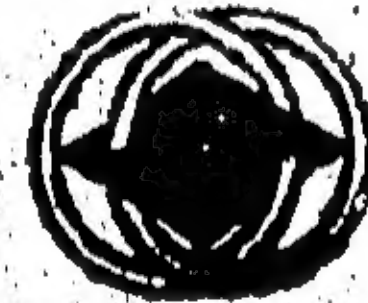
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OUR \$50 PRIZE.

POPULAR GIRL CHRISTIAN NAMES.

As previously announced, we give this week, the first list of twenty girls' Christian names in our popular voting contest. Write them out in their correct order and win our \$50 prize. Other lists will follow each week. After these lists have all been decided, still further contests will be held to decide the finals. For each event every week we will give our usual \$50 prize. Someone must win! Why not you?

Twenty Christian names are given below. Select the ten you consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. Then cut the form out and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."

The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the item polling the most votes being placed first, the one coming next being placed second and so on until the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is not to select the ten most popular items in alphabetical order from our list. But to select the ten most popular names from our list and judge what place each individually will occupy—which will come first, which second, and so on until all ten have been placed.

The contest lasts from Monday to Saturday. The result will be announced in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner's name will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one form giving the reader one try for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week. Competitors may send in as many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to reach the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discounted.

When making your choice use only the words given below. Any forms wrongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final.

Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we give twenty Christian names. Select the ten you think the most popular.

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| 1... | Ada |
| 2... | Amy |
| 3... | Beatrice |
| 4... | Cynthia |
| 5... | Eileen |
| 6... | Emily |
| 7... | Evelyn |
| 8... | Freda |
| 9... | Grace |
| 10... | Henrietta |
| 11... | Irene |
| 12... | Jane |
| 13... | Joyce |
| 14... | Katherine |
| 15... | Laura |
| 16... | Lucy |
| 17... | Mildred |
| 18... | Phyllis |
| 19... | Rose |
| 20... | Violet |

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor

China Mail, December 8, 1923.

Hongkong.

Sir,

I consider the following the ten most popular Christian names from the above list, placed in the order in which I think they are liked best:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

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| 2..... |
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Name

Address

Next Week—Girls' Names Second List.



Here is a splendid close-up of Alex Kels, rich Lodi cattleman, who picked up a stranger, murdered him and then fired his own automobile, in order to make it appear he had been killed. Then Kels fled in the hope, he says, his wife would collect his \$100,000 life insurance. Kels is under arrest, and his wife, an expectant mother, has not even been told he is alive.



Edith Kelly Gould, shown here in her dressing room in the Alhambra Theatre, in Paris, where she is making a success as a dancer, is the divorced wife of Frank J. Gould, one of the sons of the late Jay Gould. As Edith Kelly, she was a hit on the stage when Gould married her. When she was billed to appear in Paris as "Edith Kelly Gould" Gould sought an injunction to prevent her use of the Gould name, but the French courts refused to grant it.



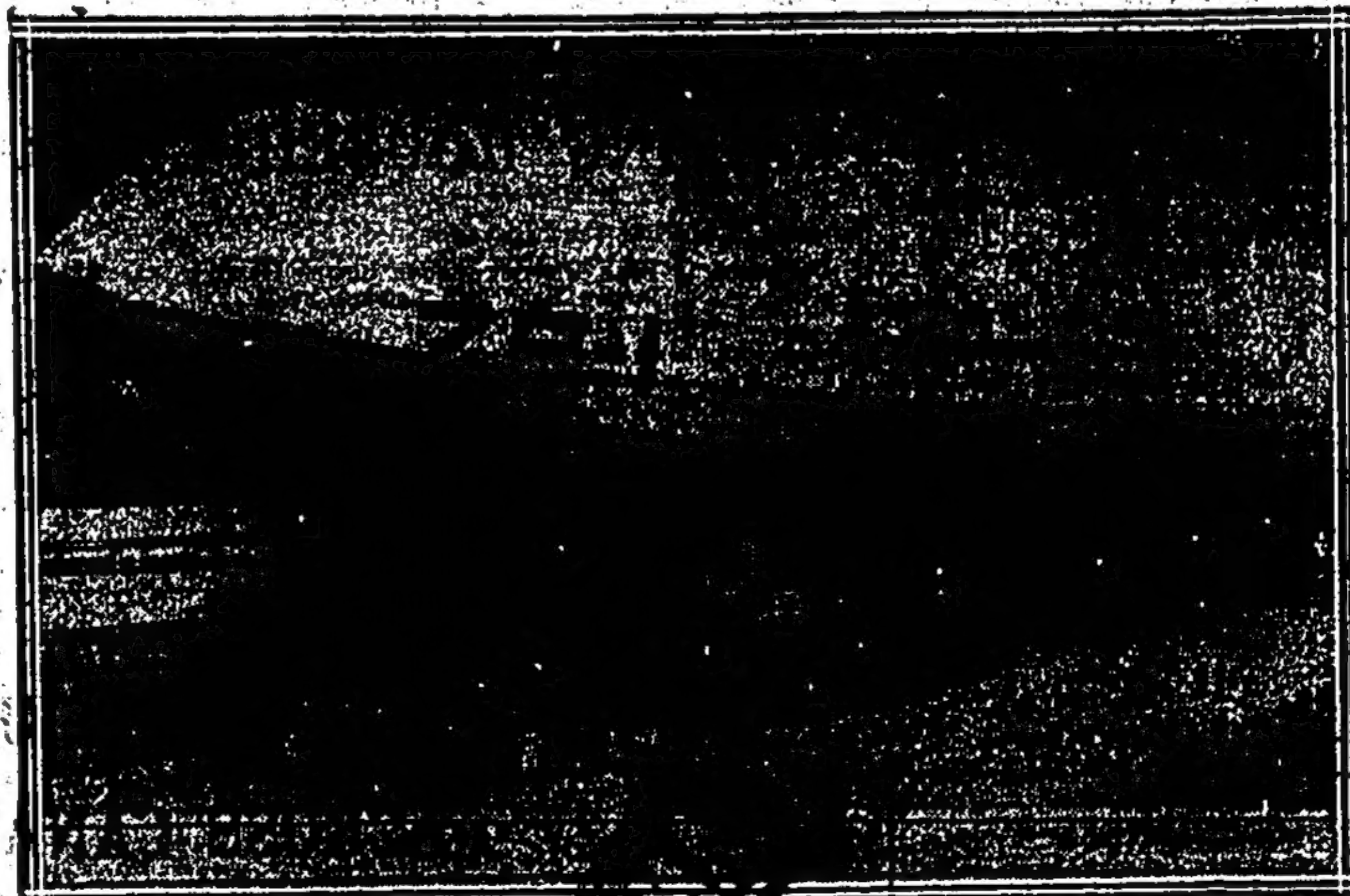
This beer needle-gun, in the hands of Lieutenant James Scully, of the Chicago Police Department, was seized in one of the raids the Windy City police are conducting to stop the flood of spurious beer. The can on the desk contains ether. The playful moonshiner shoots ether into beer with the needle-gun, and the deadly product seems nearer, while, in fact, according to experts, death is nearer.



In her cell in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Mrs. Emily Strutyasky, wife of the Rev. Nicholas Strutyasky, pastor of a little Greek Catholic Church declares she expects to go to the gallows for shooting Rev. Father Basil Stetsuk to death in the confessional box of St. Nicholas' Greek Catholic Church in Chicago. She declared she felt no sorrow for her crime, which she laid to alleged defamatory remarks made by the priest about her husband and his alleged handling of church funds while he was in Chicago. Father Strutyasky will stand by his wife at her trial.



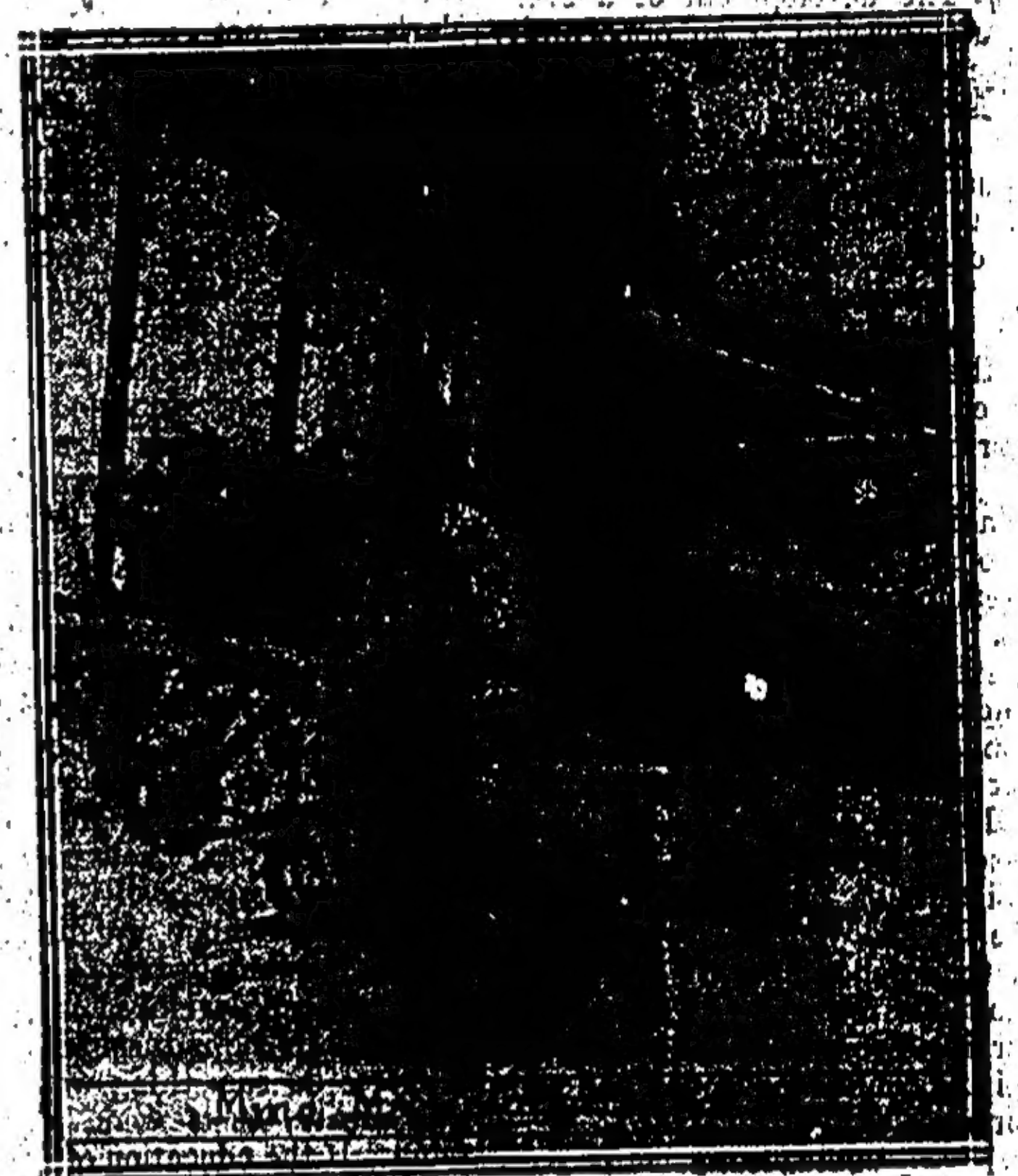
This is a photograph that has nothing to do with the declining mark or any other unpleasant subject. It is a seminary on wheels, leading to a degree of Bachelor of Agriculture. The photograph was taken at the Government School for Farm Girls at Schoon, Bavaria, where every pupil is the daughter of an impoverished family of the German nobility. A two years' course is necessary to get a degree, and the graduates are fully capable of conducting the entire workings of a large farm. The course begins in February, when the first work in the field is done, and ends in November at the close of the harvest season.



General view of the immense hangar at Lakehurst, where Mrs. Edwin Denby, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, re-christened the ZR-1, the world's largest dirigible balloon, with its new name "Shenandoah."



Manager John McGraw, of the New York Giants, and Manager Miller Huggins, of the New York Americans, snapped as they shook hands before the first game of the world's series in New York City.



Mme. Madge J. Jregut, of Tampico, Mexico, known as the best woman shot in the Southern Republic, uses modern methods in her search for big game. Her chief hunting ground, are in the Tamaulipas Mountains, which are to be reached only by long harp-rides. However, by using an aeroplane she can reach the mountains in a few hours from Tampico.



Edwin C. Hoskins, an attaché of the Letterman General Hospital, in San Francisco, was all ready to be married to Mrs. Dorothy Wells when the hospital surgeons needed a suitable subject for a blood transfusion to save a patient's life. Hoskins' blood was the only kind that would do, so the wedding was held for a few days while he gave up a quart of blood to a woman he had never seen.

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